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Subject: Are you there?

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From shahshee@plhp002.comm.mot.com Tue Jan 6 17:40:39 1998
Comments: (Received on motgate.mot.com from client pobox.mot.com, sender shahshee@plhp002.comm.mot.com)
From: Sheetal Shah MIRSSW <shahshee@plhp002.comm.mot.com>
Date: Tue, 6 Jan 98 17:23:47 EST
Message-Id: <9801062223.AA18604@plsu306.comm.mot.com>
To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
Subject: Re: Are you there?
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X-Mailing-List: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
Reply-To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Mime-Version: 1.0

Namaste Chandanbhai,

I got your e-mail

-Sheetal

From cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu Tue Jan 6 18:11:28 1998
From: Chandan Bandopadhyay <cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
Message-Id: <199801062311.SAA10876@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
Subject: 1998 CC List and Responsibilities
To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org

Date: Tue, 6 Jan 1998 18:11:27 -0500 (EST)
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Namaste all,

Welcome to CC net!!!

It was indeed a great meeting in Houston.
Undoubtedly we have accomplished a lot from this year's CC meet.
Let's keep up the great work that we've been doing with a special
care in various teams that we'd be involved in.

As we discussed that each CC member should actively take part in
various HSC projects and activities from now on. Based on your
selections I'm providing you the names of the projects along with the
committee members' names.

Those of you who could not attend the CC meet in Houston, have
been assigned to various areas based on your current and previous
responsibilities.

So, please feel free to write me if you have any comments...

thanks

have a prosperous year ahead.

chandan

ps: This list comprises of ONLY the CC members. A complete list will be
posted shortly.

1998 CC Responsibilities:

Membership

Haimanti Banerjee (Coordinator)
Poonum Agrawal
Vivek Shinde

Fundraising

Vipul Parikh(Coordinator)
Chirag Randheria
Mihir Meghani
Promod Sanghi

Regional Activities

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Amit Sharda
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Rashmi Gupta
Rohit Garg
Sandeep Gupta
Sheetal Shah
Srikanta Mookerjee
Sunil Shukla
Vandana Sharda
Vidya Kumar
Vivek Shinde

PR/Media

Anand Parekh
Dheeraj Singhal
Manan Atit
Poonum Agrawal
Puneet Gupta

CAN

Vinod Nair(Coordinator)
Sandeep Vaishnavi(Coordinator, Kashmir Awareness)
Madhukar Moorthy(Kashmir)
Mihir Meghani
Rajiv Pandit(Coordinator, AHADC)

Samskar

Sandeep Gupta(Coordinator)
Murali Kothandaraman
Nutan Mehta

Ghyan
Mihir Meghani (Coordinator)

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Ajay Shah (Coordinator)

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From: Chandan Bandopadhyay <cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
Message-Id: <199801062314.SAA04135@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
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To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
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Namaste all,

Here is the complete list of various teams and members of the teams(CC & non-CC). This document also provides various misc. information. Please feel free to post your comments.

Once again, it is suggested that each committee should talk in a frequent manner(if possible at least once a month). If it becomes essential, the team can increase the frequency of the talks(conference calls). At the same time updates from various teams should be posted in a regular

fashion.

A reminder will be posted if a team does not provide updates within 2 months.
I urge all to maintain the consistency.

1998 Committees and Responsibilities

(All the names below are not necessarily CC members)

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Prabha Gupta
Venkatesh Moorthy
Vivek Shinde

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Mihir Meghani
Nilay Zaveri
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Sumir Meghani

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Neel Vora
Paresh Trivedi
Purna Lakhia
Rakhi Israni
Rashmi Gupta
Rohit Garg
Sandeep Gupta
Sheetal Shah
Shyamal Somaroo
Srikanta Mookerjee
Sunil Shukla
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Murali Kothandaraman
Mita Pandya
Nutan Mehta

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Yash Shroff

Ghyan
Mihir Meghani(Coordinator)

Ghen
Ajay Shah (Coordinator)

Regional Coordinators:

Mid-Atlantic: Srikant Mookerjee
Mid-West: Jwalant Lakhia
Northeast: Chandan Bandopadhyay
Ontario: Paresch Trivedi
South : Sandeep Gupta
South-East: Dinesh H.

Regional Contact Persons:

East-Central: Alok Gupta
North-West: Madhavi Bhaskara
West: Ajay Shah
Montreal: Seema Srivastava

HSC 1998 Coordination Council List(39):

Ajay Shah	CA
Alok Gupta	MD
Amit Sharda	ONT
Anand parekh	MI
Chandan Bandopadhyay	MA
Chirag Randeria	TX
Dheeraj Singhal	CA
Dinesh Harursampath	GA
Haimanti Banerjee	MA
Jwalant lakhia	MI
Kanchan Banerjee	MA
Madhukar Moorthy	MA
Manan Atit	MD
Mansi Kothari	IN
Mihir Meghani	MI
Murali Kothandaraman	MI
Neel Vora	MA
Nutan Mehta	TX
Paresh Trivedi	ONT
Poonum Agrawal	MA
Pramod Sanghi	MI
Puneet Gupta	MD
Purna Lakhia	IL
Rajiv Pandit	IL
Rakhi Israni	TX
Rashmi Gupta	OH
Rohit Garg	MI
Sandeep Gupta	TX
Sandeep Vaishnavi	AL
Sheetal Shah	FL
Srikanta Mookerjee	PA
Sunil Shukla	GA
Surya Murty	NC
Vandana Sharda	ONT
Vidya Kumar	MI
Vinod Nair	KS
Vipul Parikh	MI
Vivek Shinde	CA
Yash Shroff	TX

HSC Sanchallan Samitee(Steering Committee)

Ajay Shah
Chandan Bandopadhyay
Jwalant Lakhia
Kanchan Banerjee
Mihir Meghani

HSC Overall Coordinator

Kanchan Banerjee

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Some statistical Info:

The current CC members association with HSC/in CC:

Since HSC Started	3	NJ(HSC 1st Camp)
		HSC Annual Meets
1991:	5	Rutgers, NJ
1992:	4	Pittsburg, PA
1993:	6	ISCON Temple, Maryland
1994:	7	Houston, TX
1995:	6	Ann Arbor, MI
1996:	2	UCLA, CA
1997:	6	Houston, TX

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From mihir@eyepiece.com Tue Jan 6 21:35:09 1998
 Message-Id: <199801070235.VAA00692@www10.clever.net>
 From: "Mihir Meghani" <mihir@eyepiece.com>
 To: <hsc-cc@hindunet.org>
 Subject: GHYAN Report for 1997
 Date: Tue, 6 Jan 1998 21:33:15 -0500
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 X-Loop: hsc-editor@hindunet.org
 X-Mailing-List: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
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Namaste to all. As decided at the CC meet in Houston. Each activity and project coordinator is to post, in separate emails, the 1997 report for that particular activity and for that particular project, and plans for 1998. Here is the GHYAN report. Please email me with comments or questions. Thanks, Happy New Year - Mihir !

GHYAN (Global Hindu Youth Activities Network)Report, December 25, 1997

Vision: To work jointly with other Hindu student and youth groups throughout the world

Goals:

- To have common activities
- To send key workers to the programs of other organizations
- To exchange information & experiences with other organizations

1997 Report

Freedom Festival 1997

- Prayer Meet held in the following non-HSC countries:
 - Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa, and United Kingdom
- FF97 material sent to over 100 people internationally

Worker Exchange

Over the past year and a half, HSC workers visited other countries for personal, academic, and professional reasons. In each case, they were in contact with workers of other groups.

Sujata Barai (Princeton University): semester in South Africa, in contact with key Hindu, including leaders of National Hindu Youth Federation (NHYP)

Rashmi Gupta (Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM)): attended ROOTS camp in Bangalore, Bharat, organized by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the largest student organization in Bharat

Mihir Meghani (University of Michigan Medical School): met key workers of the National Hindu Students Forum (NHSF) while in transit through UK; 3 months in Bharat as part of curriculum, contact with ABVP leaders

Anand Parekh (University of Michigan): semester in UK, in contact with key NHSF leaders; also formed a Hindu student organization at Oxford University based on HSC model

Dheeraj Singhal (University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA)): currently in Bharat meeting national leaders of various groups and visiting many different projects

We encourage key workers from other countries to personally attend some of our programs so we can exchange experiences and learn from each other.

Janhavi Ambekar (NHSF, UK) attended our last camp and spent time with our key workers in Boston

Information Exchange

We maintain active communication with the following countries throughout the year: Bharat, South Africa, and UK. Additionally, we are in irregular touch

with Kenya, Mauritius, and Trinidad & Tobago. We have non-active contact with Guyana, the Netherlands, Singapore, and Malaysia. SAMSKAR is sent regularly to these countries. People from over 125 countries visit our GHEN sites on the World Wide Web. Recently, coverage of HSC in Hinduism Today Magazine has exposed us to a lot of the world. This special issue was sent to other groups as well.

Conclusion: GHYAN met its goals for 1997. GHYAN is fulfilling HSC's vision by strengthening international Hindu bonds through communication. HSC is also providing leadership in pathbreaking activities such as FF97.

From mihir@eyepiece.com Tue Jan 6 21:36:16 1998
Message-Id: <199801070236.VAA01186@www10.clever.net>
From: "Mihir Meghani" <mihir@eyepiece.com>
To: <hsc-cc@hindunet.org>
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GHYAN 1998 Plans

We have modest goals for GHYAN. The difficulty we have in pursuing more ambitious goals is that lack of money, poor communication technology, poor professional work ethic, and lack of organizational stability and continuity make it difficult for other groups to stay in touch with us regularly.

1.. We will continue to send Samskar and important emails to the key workers of groups, mainly in UK and South Africa.

2.. We will assist any group that wants assistance, particularly with worker training, organizing successful activities, and developing electronic communication and web sites.

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From cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu Tue Jan 6 21:37:20 1998
From: Chandan Bandopadhyay <cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
Message-Id: <199801070237.VAA16675@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
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To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
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From cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu Wed Jan 7 16:39:03 1998
From: Chandan Bandopadhyay <cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
Message-Id: <199801072139.QAA25064@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
Subject: Congratulations! (fwd)
To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 1998 16:39:00 -0500 (EST)
X-Mailer: ELM [version 2.4 PL25]
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
X-Loop: hsc-editor@hindunet.org
X-Mailing-List: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
Reply-To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org

Date: Fri, 02 Jan 1998 10:49:01 -0600
From: BMC <niyer@crow.bmc.com>
To: hsc@hindunet.org, niyer@bmc.com
Subject: Congratulations!

I want to extend my congratulations to you for forming this organization! A students' organization of this type was lacking in the US for a long time and I am confident that the HSC can fill that void. It is important to inculcate Hindu values and philosophy among Hindu citizens of this country and around the world. The HSC apart from other avenues, taps the power of the internet to spread the Hindu message of universal brotherhood.

I should however emphasize that you must strive to include Hindus of all levels of social and economic strata in your chapters around the US and the rest of the world, unlike what is happening in India. The so-called "untouchables" or Dalits are viciously discriminated and harassed by "high class" Hindus there, not only perpetrating social stigma but also perpetrating violence and assault on Dalit women and children. These downtrodden people in turn convert to Christianity and Islam in mass numbers in hopes of economic and social equality. I urge your organization to fight such bigotry and injustice by publicizing such happenings and educating people. Unless this discrimination is reversed, I see Hinduism disappearing in India and only Hindus will be to blame for it.

Nat Iyer

Disclaimer: "The views expressed above are mine and mine alone."

From cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu Wed Jan 7 20:43:39 1998
From: Chandan Bandopadhyay <cbando@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
Message-Id: <199801080143.UAA26468@lynx.dac.neu.edu>
Subject: Dear CC members.: From Kanchan Bhai
To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 1998 20:43:27 -0500 (EST)
X-Mailer: ELM [version 2.4 PL25]
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
X-Loop: hsc-editor@hindunet.org
X-Mailing-List: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
Reply-To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org

>From cbanerj@ccs.neu.edu(Kanchan Banerjee)

Subject: Dear CC members... (fwd)
To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 1998 19:21:29 -0500 (EST)
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>
> Namaste,
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> Happy New Year to you all. And those of you are in the CC for the first time:
> WELCOME!
>
> We had an excellent Coordination Council (CC) meet in Houston. Great
> organization: credit goes to
> few hard-working individuals including Sandeep, Prabha, Parthiv, Chirag,
> Nutan, Rakhi and others. Also, for one of the best meetings, credit goes
> to some individuals for spending days and nights in preparing for the meeting.
> Most of you know them: Chandan, Mihir, Jwalant, Ajay, regional coordinators
> and others. Congratulations! Those of you who could not make it to the
> meeting: we missed you! Please make sure all of you attend the camp in
> July (4th July wknd.) to be held in DC-MD-NJ-NY area.
>
> As we all know that becoming a member of the CC is not a promotion, nor the
> membership is a position, but sheer responsibility. It is not just a
> responsibility to fulfil the vision and mission of HSC, but a)to lead the
> Hindu youth in North America b)become leaders of the coming generation in
> North America, c)setting an example of leadership in the world, based on the
> age old Hindu system and d)educate others about the utility of the treasures
> of our heritage. From this point of view, we are fortunate ones to have this

> unique opportunity to live a 'life with a mission and purpose'!
>
> We have more high-calibre members in our team this year than ever before
> and we hope that we all are going to contribute to the maximum of our
> abilities in the coming year and the years to come.
>
> There is no wall between the pragmatic and practical worlds. When we
> started HSC many thought it would not work in America! Yet, sometimes
> we live in the dream-world only and tend to forget to perform our basic
> duties.
>
> I have few sincere requests to you:
>
> General:
>
> 1)Please prioritize your daily schedule to put a minimum amount of time for
> HSC.
> 2)On a daily basis please contemplate on HSC's empowerment and spend a
> minimum amount of time each day.
> 3)Communicate. Communicate. Communicate.
> 4)Spend some time reading some literature/scripts etc.
> 5)Infuse more discipline in life and work & become example for others
>
> Specific:
>
> 1)Please get together (cyber or sound) with your project-group. Have
> solid discussions on the future plans for your activities. Have this
> by 19th January and post it immediately on the CC net. If you are the
> project-coordinator, it is your job to initiate it soon. If you are
> not the project coordinator, still it is your duty to make things
> happen.
>
> 2)As planned (chandan explained/will explain) how & how often we would
> like to be in touch. Please make sure you value others time and effort
> by being responsible and reliable participants in all such communications.
>
>
> At end two specific informations:
> a)Mihir is the overall coordinator for CAN, Media-PR, Fund and GHYAN projects.
> b)From now on for HSC national/international office address please use
> the following:
>
> HSC, P.O.Box 9185, Boston, MA 02114-0041.
> Phone: (617) 698-1106 Fax: (617) 444-7825
> Email:hsc@hindunet.org Web:www.hindunet.org
>
> Thank you very much. With love and regards,
>
> Kanchan

From mkoth@ctp.com Wed Jan 7 20:58:01 1998
Message-Id: <c=US%a=_%p=CTP%l=SPEEDWAGON-980108020509Z-5391@jaguar.ctp.com>
From: Murali Kothandaraman <mkoth@ctp.com>
To: "'hsc-cc@hindunet.org'" <hsc-cc@hindunet.org>
Subject: report - part 1
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 1998 21:05:09 -0500
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Reply-To: hsc-cc@hindunet.org

Namaste all

I have only typed up part of the notes i took at the recent cc meet. I will send the other part tomorrow. Here is the first part. If there are corrections please send them to me.

Murali

Hindu STUDENTS COUNCIL

1997 Annual Coordination meet - Houston Dec. 25 - 26, 1997

Day -1

The meet started with an introduction by the participants. Shri Kanchan Banerjee, SC member gave the inaugural address. He said, "The goal for HSC in 1998 is to consolidate chapter activities, and also to focus on freedom festival programs. Chapters should use the freedom festival programs to reinvigorate their activities and membership."

Shri Chandan Bandhopadhyay presented an evaluation of HSC chapter activities. He said, "There are currently 50(?) registered chapters. Of them only 20 chapters are active." Active chapters are those in which members meet at least once a week, have a major program once in a term. He added "the goal is to make all the chapters active. Chandan presented a break down of chapters by region.

North East region - BU is very active. Many attended the regular weekly meetings. MIT needs a stronger core group. NU is not active. A regional network is to be formed to help weaker chapters. YUVA 97 was very successful with 175-200 participant.

Mid-Atlantic - NYU, Queens College, Hunter College, Princeton, Rutgers, CMU, Upitt.

Mid-central - JHU, new chapter at Univ. of Virginia. JHU has weekly meetings. Conducted freedom festival program. The global prayer meet was attended by Mayor Marion Barry. The program was also featured on NBC's dateline.

South - Univ. Of Texas, Texas A&M, and a high school chapter are very active. Univ. of Houston, and Univ. Texas, Kingsville are not active.

California - Northern California there are no chapters. Potential in Berkeley. UC San Diego is very active with weekly meetings. UCLA and UC Irvine are not active

Mid-west - Univ. of Michigan, and Purdue are active. UIUC, and UIC are not active. Univ. of Iowa is a new chapter; no one has met with them as of now. Wayne State, NEOUCOM, OSU are inactive.

Canada - Ontario has 5 active chapters in the area and one inactive chapter. Montreal has one inactive chapter.

South East - Georgia Tech., Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, Emory, UNC all are active

NorthWest - no chapters in this region

The feeling expressed by the participants was that HSC is not realizing its full potential. Every one felt that study groups have been the most successful activity on campus in most of the chapters.

Reports on each of the projects that have been undertaken by HSC were presented.

CAN - Community Action Network was formed to address issues affecting Hindus in USA and Canada, and to raise political awareness, and to address issues affecting India. Not much was done in terms of addressing the Kashmir issue, and political awareness. The American Hindu Anti Defamation Coalition (AHADC) was active in two campaigns - Karma Club , and Sony .

Rajiv Pandit, of HSC & AHADC headed the campaign against Karma Club, a night club in Chicago which has statues of Hindu gods and goddesses in the club, on the dance floor, and surrounded by liquor. Many articles were written about the way the statues were being displayed, and a signature drive was undertaken for the removal of these figures from the club. The owner has agreed to remove the statues from the club.

Seva - This project has no coordinator at the international level. Seva activities are being done at the chapter level in many chapters. Univ. of Michigan chapter members participate in Habitat for Humanity, tutoring, Adopt-A-highway, etc. In the Atlanta area, members participate in hands on Atlanta.

Fund Raising - The goal for year 1997 was \$200,000. We fell way short of this amount (\$20,347).

Vipul Parikh presented the report on fund raising.

GHEN - Ajay Shah presented a report on Global Hindu Electronic Network. Great progress made in establishing the network. There are a number of books on line on the Hindu net. The number of hits per day on the web site has doubled in the last year. The net is being accessed from 85 countries. There is still a great potential for improvement. The hindunet web site in the major reference for information on Hind Dharma, provided by many organizations. The goal is to increase the number of hits to 100,00 a day in 1998.

Freedom Festival - A report on the progress of Freedom Festival was given by Jwalant Lakhia. Freedom Festival is a series of events being organized by HSC, and other organizations to celebrate the 50th anniversary of India's independence. The goal of the programs is to educate the community about Bharat, her history, culture. The internal goals for HSC is to strengthen the Hindu organizational network, and to strengthen HSC. Slide show portraying the history, contributions and freedom struggle of Bharat was conducted in 15 places around the country. Over 1000 people participated in the shows. Exhibitions were also held where paintings depicting Bharat's freedom struggle were displayed. Successful Global Freedom Prayer Meets were held through out the world on midnight 14th August, 1997. People gathered in community halls, schools, and offices to commemorate this occasion. So far, 5 one-day seminars have been held on campuses around the country, and 7 other events have been held. Conferences have been held in 3 places - Atlanta, Houston, and Boston. Over 700 people attended

the conferences. The celebrations will continue till August 14, 1998.

Things Not Done - writing articles, talks/presentations, Radio & TV programs, Invited papers, library book list, booklet.

In Progress - School/Department contacts, Survey about Bharat, Contacting youth groups.

The goal is to have a one day/2 day seminar in at least 50 campuses.

Membership

A lot of discussion was devoted to membership. The number of paid members in the database has decreased to 150, even though there are 1150 names in the DB. Many addresses are out of date, and because of this mail does not reach the individuals. The reduction in membership fee has not helped in increasing the membership. There is not much awareness at the chapter level about the state of membership. Not enough information is available.

Steps to increase membership

- 1) timely notification that membership has expired
- 2) sell benefits of membership
- 3) emphasize membership during all chapter activities
- 4) devote specific time of school year for membership drive (beginning of school year)
- 5) publicity should be increased
- 6) respond when a membership application is received so that the new member is informed
- 7) all cc members should encourage people to become members
- 8) membership committee formed

Sumir Meghani is maintaining databases on speakers, organizations, donors, etc.

Anand Parekh and Vijay Pallod have done an outstanding job of developing media relationship. Over the last year more than 200 HSC press releases were published in at least one of the national Indian news papers. The goal is to get HSC press releases published in mainstream American news papers.

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HINDU STUDENTS COUNCIL

Press Release: For Immediate Release

Prepared by Devika Koppikar

December 30, 1997

Young Hindus celebrate holiday season with salute to India

HOUSTON, TEXAS - Sleeping in late was the last thing on the minds of many Hindu-American young people this holiday season. Instead, they spent December 26 to 28th learning the spiritual meanings of Indian classical arts, attending seminars on Hindu issues and discussing preservation of Hinduism in America at Regional Hindu Students Council (HSC) conference in Houston, Texas. Named YUVA '97 (festival of youth), the conference commemorated the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence. "We saluted India's Independence because India is the motherland of ancient Hindu thought and birthplace or home to many of our rishis," said Anand Parekh, National Media Coordinator for HSC and M.D.-M.P.H student.

HSC, a student-founded and led organization, educates young Hindus, (most of whom grew up in the United States) about their religion and culture. "The goals of HSC are to provide an international forum to raise awareness of Hindu culture and heritage as well as to provide a forum to discuss issues that affect Hindus. For many, HSC provides the support of reconciling two cultures and gaining support of misconceptions of India projected onto Indo-Americans. "When I was 12 years old, American kids would gang up on me at the bus stop, yelling, "Gandhi dot" and ask "Why do people in India worship cows and drink cow urine?" said Falguni Trivedi, freshman from Houston, Texas. According to "Searching for our Hindu Roots" in HINDUISM TODAY, October 1997. "It's pretty tough for young Hindus stuck between two cultures. At HSC, I can be with others, get support, learn to understand and teach my culture, so that when we face these things, we don't have to feel condemned."

The YUVA '97 conference provided many seminars, discussions and activities to address these issues. These sessions included "East vs. West" (which focused on differences between Hindu and Christian religions), "Media Concepts of India," "Women's Quest for Equality," "Science and Spirituality," "Integral Humanism" and "Nutrition and Stress."

Rishi Goswami, a pre-med sophomore from UT-Austin said that he learned a new perspective of ancient Hindu legends of gods and goddesses. "As children, we are amazed by the awe and wonder of these tales, but in the conference, I learned that there is a bigger picture to these stories. The stories actually have moral and spiritual lessons."

Goswami, a son of a priest, also spoke in the "East vs. West" seminar about his views of Hinduism while growing up in America. He said that he came to the conference to get others' views on Hinduism and incorporate this with his search for spiritualism.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Dr. Ved P. Nanda, Director of the International Legal Studies program at the University of Denver, Colorado. He discussed India's global role in the next millennium. The Consulate General of

India, Swashpavan Singh also spoke at the conference.

Interactive demonstrations marked another event in the at YUVA '97. Here, HSC members with talent in playing tabla, dancing BharatNatyam and singing ragas explained the meaning and history of their art after their performances. Additional guest speakers included Dr. Dilip Vedalankar, of the Arya Samaj of Greater Houston, who discussed practical dharma; Dr. Kalpalatha Guntapalli, Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine and president-elect of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, who spoke about Women's Equality; Dr. Jayaram Guntupalli, Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical School, who spoke about nutrition and stress; Dr. Nik Nikham, a Houston cardiologist, who spoke about the effect of attitude upon one's success; Devika Koppikar, a public relations specialist who spoke about her experience in a Christian Church and Amit Mishra, a Houston attorney, who spoke about the preservation of Hindu culture among Indian-Americans.

"If we are to preserve our culture, we must stress the spiritual aspects of it rather than its more superficial social aspects," Mishra said in his speech. Pramod Sanghi, an HSC member from Michigan, who heard Mishra speak said, "Mishra's points were both bold and honest. They demonstrated his knowledge of psycho-social issues which are faced by my generation of Hindu-Americans." Local Hindu families were invited to join the youth in a dinner-program featuring a slide show focusing on freedom fighters and garba/raas on Saturday evening.

Fifty HSC chapters exist in North America. In Texas, the active chapters include the ones at Texas A&M at College Station; Texas A&M in Kingsville, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Houston and the University of Texas at Austin. The national organization was founded in 1990 in New Jersey. HSC campus chapters meet weekly for activities such as discussions, community service activities and religious celebrations. Two national events occur yearly, a summer camp during the July 4th weekend and a national conference, such as the recent Houston festival, in late December or early January. Participants of this year's national conference included not only undergraduates, but also graduate students, young professionals and high school students. "(The generation range) was good because we want to promote the goals of HSC beyond the four years of college," Parekh said. "Learning and practicing Hinduism is a life long process." Sandeep Gupta, regional coordinator for HSC's Texas chapters, added that the conference gave the group an excellent opportunity to build their regional team. Together, the team plans for similar, but smaller regional programs within the next year.

"The conference was a great success because of the tremendous amount of support given to us by the Hindu community," said Gupta, a Houston-based software engineer and a graduate of Rice and MIT.

The annual camp and conference for 1998 are in the planning stages. For more information on the Hindu Students Council, contact the national office at (617) 698-1106 or visit the website at www.hindunet.org. E-mail is hsc@hindunet.org. The address is P.O. Box 9185, Boston, MA, USA 02114.

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> * alone live who live for others, the rest are more dead than alive"
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Namaste

Here is the part 2 of the notes.

Vision & Mission

Kanchan Banerjee, overall coordinator of HSC, lead a discussion on the vision and mission of HSC. The discussions centered around building awareness about HSC's vision and mission among the members.

Day 2 (12/27/97)

Consolidation was the main focus of the morning session. The structure of HSC and the communication methods were discussed. Members felt that the CC of HSC has worked well. It was felt that communication among members should be strengthened. A decision was made to put a mechanism to enable better communication. Kanchan Banerjee said, "To reach our goals for 1998, there should be total commitment from all the members, especially from the cc members." In order to strengthen HSC activities, a proposal was made and adopted, that each cc member should be part of at least one project. Each project will have a coordinator. Each project team will participate in a conference call one a month to plan activities. A report will be posted on the progress made on the HSC family network. Measurable goals should be set for the projects and these goals should be posted on the cc network.

Projects:

- 1) CAN
- 2) Membership
- 3) Freedom Festival
- 4) Fund raising
- 5) PR/Media
- 6) Regional team
- 7) Samskar
- 8) GHEN
- 9) Internal Communication Network
- 10) Databases

Hindu Women project and Seva projects do not have coordinators. People signed up for the various projects that they wanted to participate in.

A session was dedicated to discuss Freedom Festival. A decision was made to continue the celebrations and programs till August 1998. All the necessary resources are in place to conduct seminars, slide shows, and exhibitions. A guideline to conduct seminars was presented, and

reviewed. A survey on Bharat will be conducted over the next few months. A survey form has been compiled. This form will be sent out to chapter/regional coordinators who can identify people to send to, send the forms and follow up.

HSC Activities - Ways were discussed on how to revitalize chapter activities in all chapters. A common minimum program was presented. A decision was made that each chapter will adopt the program. The program outlines minimum level of activity for each chapter.

Common Minimum Program

Each chapter will organize

- 1) Celebrate at least one festival
- 2) One seminar a year on a selected theme. This year the theme is Freedom Festival
- 3) One outing per term
- 4) A study center, meeting once 2 to 6 weeks on selected topics. A set of topics and related materials has been developed.
- 5) One HSC-project related activity once every term. (Seva, etc.)
- 6) Regular updates to the regional committee, and the family net.

A proposal was made to conduct workshops will be held in the regional and chapter levels. A freshmen orientation program was also suggested to attract more members to HSC. To ensure continuity of a chapter, the following suggestion was made:

* a member should participate in chapter level activities the first year. In the second year the member will organize events at the chapter level. After that the member should start involving in regional level activities while being a mentor for freshmen and sophomores. After graduation members should be involved in national/international activities, while supporting the local area chapters.

A format was suggested for conducting chapter activities. Meetings should start with a prayer. Publicize HSC in all programs. Update participants on upcoming chapter, regional, and national events. Display information on HSC.

Fund Raising

The target for 1998 was set at \$70,000. Part of the money raised above the target will be used to start a permanent fund for HSC.

Media

The media database will be consolidated. A format/template for press releases will be sent to all chapters. The media committee will develop contacts with ethnic Indian as well as American news papers.

Samskar

A 6 member editorial board, and 10 member committee were formed. Dates and time lines were set for submitting reports/articles. The first issue for 1998 will be published on April 1st. The next issue will be

on July 1st, the third on October 1st.