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(On June 30th Dr. Robert Cruden completed his two-year assignment as Director of the ASRC.)

The year was an extremely active one. The Centre saw a number of initiatives, begun in 1982-83, come to fruition, and a number of precedents set for the future.

The chief function of any research centre is to stimulate, produce and publish research. There is no substitute for this. The question is how to do it in an environment where the university curriculum does not stimulate such work, and the scarcity of resources makes distinguished work difficult.

During the past two years, the Academic Associates and I developed an integrated concept of how to stimulate good work. It begins with scholars who come here on their own, or who apply for grants and seem promising. They talk to us, and often to senior scholars in residence; we come to know who is doing what, and with what skill. Every fall, we then schedule a seminar on an interdisciplinary topic that can bring together scholars who otherwise might not meet or find an audience. Last year the topic was women in India and America; this year it was "From the 1950s to the 1960s," which we called for September, 1983. We invited half a dozen senior scholars from other cities, several local experts, and a large group of young people, most of whom had never participated in such a gathering. In some cases, the results were rough

Indian Association for American Studies

The 19th annual conference of the Indian Association for American Studies will be held at the University of Bombay in March 1985. The conference will focus discussion on the following broad areas:

- (a) Religion in American History
- (b) Religion in American Literature
- (c) Indo-American Relations in the 1970s

Those interested in presenting papers at the conference may get in touch with the General Secretary. Those who have not already enrolled themselves as members may please send their fee to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Membership fee:

Life member : Rs. 201/

Ordinary Member : Rs. 20/ + Rs. 5/ (admission fee)

Associate Member : Rs. 15/ + Rs. 5/ (admission fee)

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