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993 Archaeological Site Photographs from Mesopotamia (414 photos) and Egypt (579 photos), shot between 1973 and1990 by John and Peggy Sanders, are now available on the OI website as part of the Individual Scholarship section. I want to thank Computer Lab assistant, Katherine Strange Burke, for her work in both scanning the original slides and creating the HTML pages and maps.

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IS/SANDERS/PHOTOS/arch_site_photos.html

Mesopotamian sites are: Aqar Quf (Dur Kurigalzu) [25], Assur [12], Babylon [33], Tell Billa [4], Borsippa [18], Ctesiphon [4], Eridu [16], Tepe Gawra [3], Girsu [11], Tell Harmal [10], Hatra [30], Isin [13], Khafajah [5], Khorsabad (Dur Sharrukin) [13], Kish [22], Lagash [15], Nimrud [21], Nineveh [20], Nippur [18], Abu Salabikh [11], Samarra [14], Seleucia [9], Sippar [4], Tell al'Ubaid [2], Ur [16], Uruk (Warka) [57], and Zibliyat [8].

Egyptian sites are: Abusir [37], Deir el-Bahri [33], Edfu [27], Giza [179], Medinet Habu [41], Karnak [68], Valley of the Kings [26], Luxor [51], Deir el-Medina [12], Memphis [6], Ramesseum [15], and Sakkarah [84].

Having completed the HTML processing of the 1980 Institute publication Ptolemais Cyrenaica, by David Nasgowitz, we expect to start scanning the several hundred photographs from the site as soon as John Larson completes his verification of negative and photo numbers for the prints and the captions from the publication with his records. We hope to be underway with the scanning in late-April, early May.

In the meantime, Katherine continues to process the lead articles from older editions of News and Notes for inclusion on the OI website. More than a dozen new articles will be available shortly after you receive this newsletter.

DEVELOPMENT / Tim Cashion

The Oriental Institute will present the James Henry Breasted Medallion to Albert F. (Bud) Haas at a black-tie gala at the Drake Hotel on Friday, May 10, 2002. As always, we will ask Visiting Committee members to invite faculty and staff to join them on that occasion. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit reinstallation of the Institute's galleries.

The following Members Lectures will be presented over the next several weeks:

Pierre Briant, "Dara and Iskender: Darius Dying in the Arms of Alexander," Wednesday, April 10.

Peter Bedford, "The Legacy of Assyrian Imperialism," Wednesday, April 17.

McGuire Gibson, "New Evidence of the Early Development of Urban Life at Hamoukar," Wednesday, May 22.

All lectures begin at 8:00 PM in Breasted Hall, will be followed by a reception, and are open to faculty, staff, students, and the general public.

The University of Chicago is staging a series of events on Friday, April 12 to launch officially the Chicago Initiative, the largest fundraising campaign not only in the University's history but also the largest ever publicly announced by an institution of higher education. Some of these events will occur at the Oriental Institute on Friday afternoon:

1) Don M. Randel, President of the University, and Edgard D. Jannotta, Chairman of the Board, will deliver an official welcome at 1:30 PM in Breasted Hall. Those invited guests not able to sit in Breasted will listen to a closed circuit broadcast of the welcome in the West Gallery.

2) A series of faculty panels will occur in Pick and the OI during the afternoon. The first session begins at 2:00, the second at 3:45. There is a break between the sessions from 3:15 to 3:45. The sessions are thematic, bringing together faculty from different parts of the University to discuss a given issue. Mac Gibson is speaking in one of the second panels, on "Why We Dig Up the Past?" The following OI rooms will be used for panel presentations: the Elizabeth Morse Genius Reading Room; the LaSalle Banks Education Center; and Breasted Hall.

3) A tour of the OI (chiefly behind the scenes) will be presented as one of the first sessions. It will include both museum and research elements of the OI's work.

4) Throughout the afternoon, a hospitality suite (with registration packets, coffee, soft drinks, water, and light munchies) will be staged in the West Gallery of the Oriental Institute.

At the close of March 31, 2002, the Oriental Institute had funds raised of \$1,210,456.20, 70% of our Fiscal 2002 goal. We will likely finish between 10 to 15 percent below goal (which was almost all for reinstallation) but should be able to make up the difference over the next two years. Membership revenues are down four percent over Fiscal 2001.

PUBLICATIONS / Tom Urban

The Chicago Hittite Dictionary, Volume S, Fascicle 1, and the Theban Desert Road Survey in the Egyptian Western Desert, Volume 1: Gebel Tjauti Rock Inscriptions 1-45 and Wadi el-Hôl Rock Inscriptions 1-45, were sent to press. Work continues on other volumes as reported previously.

RESEARCH ARCHIVES / Chuck Jones

On March 29th, the September-October 2001 Research Archives Acquisitions list was distributed to the 431 addresses subscribed to RABooks - the list which we rebuilt in February.

This document is also available on the web at: http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/RABooks.2001.9-10.html

Information on RABooks is available at the University's listhost web site at: https://listhost.uchicago.edu/mailman/listinfo/rabooks as well as at the Oriental Institute web site at: http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/RABooks.html where each of the Acquisitions Lists we have broadcast are archived.

We hope to distribute the November-December 2001 and the January-February 2002 lists in the next few weeks.

The new version of Abzu continues to approach readiness for a formal launch. Data harvesting from the old version is now virtually complete, and editing - a never-ending process - is proceeding. No new entries are being added to the old version. All efforts are going to the development of the new Abzu.

Those interested in browsing the new version can look at it at: http://www.etana.org/abzu 966 items have been added in recent days and the harvest of data from the old version at: http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/ABZU/ABZU.HTML is nearly complete. I will be grateful for feedback.

The development of the new version of Abzu is made possible by a substantial grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and in collaboration with ETANA http://www.etana.org/

Some new titles available on CD-ROM in the Research Archives:

Egyptological bibliography, 1822-1997 Ägyptologische Bibliographie = Bibliographie Égyptologique Leiden, The Netherlands Netherlands Institute for the Near East 2001

1 CD-ROM [670.5 MB] [Compiled bibliographical references from the Annual Egyptological Bibliography and Christine Beinlich's Bibliographie Altägypten 1822 - 1946 to provide an electronic archive of some 60,000 books and articles on Egypt and Egyptology] This resource is available on the Dell workstation at the bottom of the stairs. Kennedy, Hugh An Historical Atlas of Islam Altas Historique de l'Islam Development by Milo Mineur Second, Revised Edition / Nouvelle édition Leiden Brill 2002 1 CD-ROM [209.6 MB] CD-ROM version of the atlas of the same name This resource is available on the Dell workstation in the Reading Room. The New Oxford Bible Maps Electronic ed New York Oxford University Press 1998 5 computer disks ; 3 1/2 in. + Includes: 1 user's manual (x, 86 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.) Contains 14 maps with complete map index. This resource is available on the Mac workstation in the Reading Room. The Research Archives will close at 4PM on Thursday, April 11th, and will remain closed all day Friday for a University Development event (See DEVELOPMENT above). All tables in the Reading Room must be cleared for this event. Please reshelve your books and remove your personal materials from the tables before 4PM Thursday. Thanks for you cooperation and apologies in advance for the inconvenience. TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP / Chuck Jones On March 8th Patrick Durusau, Director of Research and Development for the Society of Biblical Literature gave an informal presentation: "Standards and Scholars: Shaping the Future Intellectual Landscape" He also participated with members of the Faculty and Staff in an afternoon seminar on the development of XSTAR. We hope to organize a session in April on the Diyala Database. Watch the usual locations for notices of time and place.

BRIANT LECTURES The committee on the Ancient Mediterranean World and The Oriental Institute announce a series of public lectures by Pierre Briant Professor of the History and Civilization of the Achaemenid World and the Empire of Alexander Collège de France, Paris Studies on the Fourth Century B.C.: the Transition from Achaemenid to Hellenistic. 1-Continuity and Change: Preliminary Remarks 1:30 PM, Wednesday, April 3 Classics 10 2-Asia Minor from Artaxerxes IV to Antigonus. 1:30 PM, Wednesday, April 10 Classics 10 3-Egypt from Artaxerxes III to Ptolemy I. 1:30 PM, Tuesday, April 16 Classics 10 4-The "Ethno-Classe Dominante" at the End of the Achaemenid Period. 1:30 PM, Wednesday, April 24 Classics 10 INDIVIDUALS WALTER KAEGI

Walter Kaegi lectured recently on "The Present and Future of Byzantine Studies," Hellenic Students Organization, Humanities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago, 27 March 2002.