The 2,300-page manuscript of the final volume of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary, Volume U/W, was mailed to Eisenbrauns Book Publishers in June and July 2007, and we began receiving set galleys back in September. By the end of this academic year, more than one-half of the volume has been set as galleys. These galleys, in batches of 100 galley pages, are distributed as they arrive in Chicago to the resident editorial board (Robert D. Biggs, John A. Brinkman, Miguel Civil, Walter Farber, Martha T. Roth, and Matthew W. Stolper) for suggestions and comments.

Linda McLarnan, our Manuscript Editor since 1986, continues to lend her expert proofreading skills even as she is employed in the office of the President of the University; Linda will continue overseeing the final publication of the last volume. This year, Edward Stratford, a graduate student in NELC, joined our team as Research Assistant after spending a year at the University of Copenhagen researching his dissertation under the supervision of our colleague Mogens Trolle Larsen. Ed succeeds Jacob Lauinger, who finished his Ph.D. in 2007 and accepted an assistant professorship at Roanoke College; and John Nielsen, who finished his Ph.D. in 2008 and accepted an assistant professorship at Loyola University New Orleans. We also continue to be aided by College student Erin Guinn-Villareal, who willingly and eagerly accomplished all manner of tasks.