

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.

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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.

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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

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

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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.

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