

MCGUIRE GIBSON has been expanding his article on the revision of the Diyala sequence in the Early Dynastic and Akkadian periods (*American Journal of Archaeology* 86 [October, 1982]: 531-38) for publication eventually as a small monograph. In addition, he has received permission from the Field Museum to take and have analyzed some samples from the famous "Flood Level" at Kish. These samples, excavated in 1928, have remained un-analyzed since that time. The new analyses will be checked against studies of soil samples collected

during a short investigation he made at Kish in 1979. He is also working with Miss Margaret Brandt on the Field Museum collection of cylinder and stamp seals from Kish and related sites. This work was begun by him as a student in 1967. He hopes to have the collection published some time next year. He organized and chaired a symposium, on April 16-17, entitled "The Organization of Power: Aspects of Bureaucracy in the Ancient, Medieval and Ottoman Near East." During the year, he gave lectures to the public and to university groups in Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, New York, and Milwaukee. He is still actively involved in the American Institute for Yemeni Studies as the University of Chicago's representative. He is, in addition, the AIYS representative to a new organization called the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, headquartered in the Smithsonian Institution, Washington. Lastly, he has been acting as chairman of the coordinating committee for an exhibition of Kurdish rugs. This exhibition, entitled "Discoveries from Kurdish Looms," is co-sponsored by the Block Gallery of Northwestern University and the Chicago Rug Society, of which he is a member. The exhibition will run from early December, 1983, through mid-February, 1984, at the Block Gallery.