Mesopotamia and Syria in the third millennium B.C. continued to be a major focus of ROBERT BIGGS’ research. In February he lectured to the Chicago Society of the Archaeological Institute of America on the third millennium texts from Ebla. In March he gave a lecture on the personal names from Abu Salabikh and Ebla at U.C.L.A. and conducted seminars on the Ebla and Abu Salabikh texts.