During the past year, **WALTER FARBER** finished and sent to press several articles, one dealing with incantations against *Wardat-lilim* (another one of the infamous Babylonian demons), a second elaborating on some Sumero-Akkadian bilingual matters, and a third editing omens derived from bathing practices and the resulting dirty water. In addition, a lengthy review discusses some cultic texts with mythological background.

In summer 1987, he attended the XXXIV Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale in Istanbul and took this opportunity to make a brief visit to Bogazköy. In September, he was invited by the University of Helsinki to teach a seminar and give a public lecture on Lamaštu. In December, he accepted still another invitation to lecture at four German universities (Münster, Heidelberg, Würzburg, and Munich). In his talks there, he concentrated on several aspects of Old Babylonian incantations with regard to folk poetry, oral traditions, and the Mesopotamian concept of magic. Quite unexpectedly, a press release by the West German press agency, DPA, led to wide (and in a few cases hilariously distorted) media coverage of his lectures.

Back in Chicago, he attended the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society in March, joined some friends in a performance of R. Fuchs' clarinet quintet in the University's Goodspeed Hall, and finally saw his book on baby incantations through the last stages of printing.