Robert Biggs

This year Robert Biggs completed his twenty-fifth year as Editor of *The Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, only the seventh Editor since the journal was founded by William Rainey Harper (as *Hebraica*) in 1884. His personal research has continued to focus on Babylonian medicine. In this connection, he has been invited to present a lecture at a symposium at the Biblical Botanical Garden in Pittsburgh in September, the general theme of the symposium being Progress and Change in the Ancient Near Eastern Diet and Medicine. He continues his role as a Consulting Editor for the annual publication, *Society for Ancient Medicine Review*. Research in other areas of Assyriology included an article based on an unpublished letter from a woman in Old Assyrian times (ca. 2000 B.C.).