

Mark Lehner

Mark Lehner, during the summer and winter of 1995/96, completed the text for a book, *Complete Pyramids*, to be published by Thames and Hudson in the spring of 1997. He coauthored an article with David Goodman, "New Mapping of Ancient Egypt," for the surveyors magazine, *P.O.B.* (Point of Beginning) 21.3 (February 1996). Lehner wrote an account of the Koch-Ludwig Giza excavations, "Exploring the Giza Plateau," for *The Explorer's Journal* 73.4 (Winter 1995/96) in conjunction with the Explorer's Club Annual Dinner in New York on March 22, 1996. Lehner spoke at the event along with Kent Weeks of the American University in Cairo (recently of KV 5 fame), Neville Agnew of the Getty Conservation Institute, William Kimbel of the Institute for Human Origins, and Carol Beckwith and Angela Fisher, photographers of Africa. Lehner also wrote an article, "Z500 and the Zawiyet el-Aryan Layer Pyramid," for *Studies in Honor of William Kelly Simpson*, Peter der Manuelian, ed. (Boston: Museum of Fine Arts) to appear in the fall of 1996.

In January 1996 Lehner spent a week in Cairo assisting the Giza Inspectorate to map the area in front of the Khafre Valley Temple where Zahi Hawass had directed a project to remove the modern stone and cement stage and to clear the ancient entrance ramps to the Valley Temple, remains of mudbrick walls and platforms, and other ancient features.

On March 9 Lehner participated in a symposium at the Cleveland Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibit "Pharaohs, Treasures of Egyptian Art from the Louvre," along with Lanny Bell, Lawrence Berman, Betsy Bryan, and James Harrell. Lehner's lecture was entitled "On the Face of the Sphinx."

At the end of March Lehner was in residence at the University of Chicago teaching a course in Egyptian Archaeology and a seminar in Old Kingdom ceramics. In conjunction with the seminar, the Koch-Ludwig Giza Project contributed funds to help make it possible for students to use the Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) facilities in the Geophysical Sciences Department of the University of Chicago. The SEM laboratory is under the direction of Dr. Andrew Davis who tutored Ms. Justine Way and Ms. Elizabeth Friedman in use of the facilities to examine thin sections and analyze other ceramic samples from Giza and Anatolia. On June 6 Lehner spoke to the members of the Breasted Society on his work at Giza. Janet and Robert Helman graciously hosted the event.
