



**McGUIRE GIBSON'S** research and publication during the past year were in great part connected with Nippur. But he continued to work on larger-scale issues such as inter-regional contacts around the Indian Ocean; some of this research is connected with his position as Chairman of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. He also continues to work toward a synthesis of the ancient Mesopotamian ecological system and a corpus of Mesopotamian pottery in a joint effort between the Nippur Expedition and the Belgian Archaeological Expedition in Iraq.



During September of 1987 he was a guest of the Iraqi government at the first Babylon Festival. In May, 1988, he attended the first meeting of the Academic Committee of the International Conference on Oriental Carpets. The Conference will take place in San Francisco in 1990.