

### Billie Jean Collins

**Billie Jean Collins** has labored for much of the past year with the task of checking references and proofreading articles for the next volume of the *Chicago Hittite Dictionary*, which will include all words beginning with the letter P. The volume is expected to appear sometime in 1994.

Aside from work on the Dictionary, Dr. Collins continued work on her book, *Wild Animals in Hittite Art, Literature and Religion*, which will be published next year in the series, *Publications de l'Institut historique et archéologique néerlandais de Stamboul*. She also prepared a *Bibliography of Ancient Anatolia Based on the Newsletter for Anatolian Studies for the Years 1985–1992*, which has been submitted for electronic publication. Finally, she began plans for another monograph that will consist of a catalog of the voluminous Hittite pantheon.

The *Newsletter for Anatolian Studies* continues to prosper—this year more than doubling in size (forty-four pages for the first issue of 1993)! Dr. Collins attended two conferences this past year. The first, in August 1992, was a Conference on Magic in the Ancient World, at which she presented a paper entitled “Ritual Meals in the Hittite Cult.” The proceedings of this conference will be published by Fortress Press. Then, in late June 1993, Dr. Collins traveled to Pavia, Italy to attend the Second International Congress of Hittitology. There she presented another talk relating to “Animal Sacrifice and Ritual Meals in the Hittite Cult.” Her research in the area of animal sacrifice will soon expand to include a comparative look at Greek and Hittite sacrificial practices.

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