

McGuire Gibson

McGuire Gibson was engaged in a variety of research activities during the past year. Besides his work on Nippur reports, he prepared papers for presentation in Japan, where he was an invited lecturer sponsored by the Japan Foundation. Among these lectures was one on Kish, delivered at Kokushikan University, Tokyo. Another on Nippur, delivered in the presence of His Imperial Highness Prince Mikasa at the Middle Eastern Cultural Center, has been revised for publication in the Japanese journal *Rafidan*. A synthetic article on ecology and Mesopotamian civilization will be published in the proceedings of the Sixth International Symposium of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto. He prepared a paper on Parthian seal style for presentation at a symposium at Turin, Italy, in January 1993.

As chairman of the University of Chicago's Committee on Archaeological Studies, Gibson initiated a workshop on Elementary Structures of Everyday Life. This workshop, meeting every two weeks, features presentations by students, faculty, staff, and guest lecturers on a variety of topics in ancient subsistence and related social and economic mechanisms. Funding for the workshop has been renewed for the coming year.

Gibson served as a consultant to the Texas International Educational Consortium, which aided in the establishment of the new, American-style, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. His committee dealt with the Islamic Cultural and Arts Research Center.

In April 1993, he spent a week in Ghent, Belgium, working with James A. Armstrong and Hermann Gasche on the *Corpus of Second Millennium Pottery*.

Gibson continues to serve as the president of the American Association for Research in Baghdad, which is limited to publication activities at this time. In his role as president of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies, he traveled to Yemen in April 1993 to consult with government officials and university colleagues, and to aid the resident director of the Institute in planning activities and fund-raising. He was privileged to witness at close range the Yemeni parliamentary elections, being admitted to political discussions, rallies, and news conferences.

He still serves on the board of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, which is headquartered in the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
