

THEO VAN DEN HOUT

Theo van den Hout started this year as the new Hittitologist and professor of Anatolian languages at the Oriental Institute. Apart from the “Elementary Hittite” class throughout the year and more advanced reading courses, he taught Lydian in the Winter Quarter to an enthusiastic group of some eight students. In October he gave his first lecture for members of the Oriental Institute, entitled “A Living, Breathing Tomb: Some Thoughts on the Continuity of Anatolian Culture in the Late Bronze and Iron Ages.” In November he lectured at the lunch series of the Franke Institute for the Humanities, New Faculty Series, on “How to Become a God: The Hittite Royal Death Ritual.” Besides the work on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (see separate report) his research time was devoted to several contributions to festschriften for colleagues in the field of Hittitology. One article on the group of oldest Hittite oracle texts was submitted as well as one on the Hieroglyphic Luwian words for *Self, Soul, Heart, and Portrait*. His review of *The Kingdom of the Hittites*, by Trevor Bryce, was published in *Bibliotheca Orientalis*. In May he attended the Biennial Conference of the Dictionary Society of North America at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Van den Hout continued to serve as editor of the series *Culture and History of the Ancient Near East* for Brill (Leiden).