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# The Chester D. Tripp

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## Endowment Fund

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Under the terms of the will of Mr. Tripp, who died in 1974, an endowment fund was established to support various programs of the Oriental Institute. Income from the fund helped the Institute to carry out the following projects during the year:

- ¶ purchase and installation of climate-control equipment for Museum Office and storage facilities, publication offices, and the storage room for cuneiform tablets;
- ¶ partial matching funds for the "Magic of Egyptian Art" exhibit;
- ¶ developing and printing more than a thousand field negatives from the fourteenth season of excavations at Nippur;
- ¶ purchase of filing cabinets for the Hittite Dictionary Project;
- ¶ sponsorship of public lectures and seminars by Professors Matthiae and Pettinato on the Italian excavations at Ebla.

The Institute gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Mr. Tripp for making these programs possible.