

## Courtyard Garden

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*Jean Grant*

*Paradise is a beautiful garden*—The word paradise is of Persian origin (enclosure plus wall) and has come to have the meaning of heaven, happiness, and a beautiful garden, among others. And you know where the first home in the Bible was located. Perhaps we are

justified in thinking of the Oriental Institute's courtyard garden as a living artifact.

Increasingly, the garden is being pressed into service as a gracious reception area. Many saw it at the membership dinner in May (behaving its best), or on the Hyde Park Garden Walk, or at the many other functions for which it has been open. A picture of it



*View of the courtyard garden, ankh  
made by Calvin Gray.*

appeared in February in the Talman Savings calendar.

We should like to thank Mr. Clem Studebaker for his encouragement and financial support of the improvement of the garden, in memory of his wife, Frances (an Oriental Institute Volunteer from 1966 to 1979). Two new benches have been made and two more are planned, thanks to Mr. Studebaker. Stoop-labor has been contributed by a volunteer corps consisting of Jean Luther, Pam Bruton, Liz Garner, Cathy Chilewski, and Chris Bragg.