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Individual Research Activities

ROBERT BIGGS Robert Biggs continued his research in cuneiform texts of the third millennium, particularly those from Abu Salabikh and Ebla. Participation in the Oriental Institute Nippur Expedition in February and March gave him the opportunity to study original texts from the Inanna Temple in the Iraq Museum in Baghdad. Following a visit to Bahrain, he was invited to lecture at Damascus University for two weeks. His stay in Damascus provided an opportunity to visit excavations in Syria. In July he was invited (along with I. J. Gelb and Dennis Pardee of the Oriental Institute) to give a paper at a conference at the University of Rome. He spoke on the Semitic personal names from third-millennium Abu Salabikh and Nippur in comparison with names from Ebla. Closer to home, he was elected president of the Chicago Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.