

# THE CHICAGO ASSYRIAN DICTIONARY

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**D**uring 1990-1991 the staff of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary (CAD) worked on four volumes of the dictionary, R, T,  $\bar{T}$ , and Š. The T Volume was mailed to the printer in April and we await the arrival of first galleys. Concurrently with the final checking and reading of this volume, the proofreading of Š Parts 2 and 3 continued, and we expect the publication of these two parts in academic year 1991-92. The R Volume is currently being edited and will be the next volume to be prepared for publication. The writing of the  $\bar{T}$  Volume is well advanced.

No senior visiting Assyriologist joined the staff until April 1991 when Burkhart Kienast, our faithful collaborator since 1958, joined us again for a period of five months. In June, Hermann Hunger, also an old faithful, began a visit. Our junior research associate, Erekle Astakhishvili from Tbilisi, Georgia, ends his year-long stay in September 1991, having contributed his expertise in Nuzi and Hurrian to the Dictionary Project.

We used the occasion of a party celebrating the 35th anniversary of the publication of the first volume of the CAD to say thanks to Thomas Dousa, who during his last two years as an undergraduate at the University worked for the Dictionary through the College Research Opportunities Program. Thomas, a recipient of a Mellon Fellowship, will begin graduate studies in Egyptology at the University and will transfer the lexicographic skills he has acquired with the CAD to the Demotic Dictionary.

The Annual Dinner of The Oriental Institute, which was hosted by the members of the Visiting Committee, was dedicated this year to raising matching funds for the Dictionary's current NEH grant. The guests enjoyed an exotic dinner menu and a program which was written by the CAD staff with the collaboration of Visiting Committee member Peggy Grant and volunteer Mary Shulman, and performed by the cuneiform scholars of the Institute.