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After a flurry of editing and layout work in the fall, Carol Meyer completed a long-term project, Glass from Quseir al-Qadim and the Indian Ocean Trade, Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization, No. 53, which appeared in March 1993. This is the final report on the Roman and Mamluk glass excavated at Quseir al-Qadim, as well as a study of the glass trade around the western Indian Ocean. A similar but shorter study is under way, a chapter on the Sasanian and early Islamic glass from Nippur for a forthcoming volume on the Nippur excavations in the series Oriental Institute Publications. A report on the 1992 archaeological survey at Bir Umm Fawakhir in the Eastern Desert of Egypt was written and has been accepted by the Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research. In January Meyer returned to Bir Umm Fawakhir to direct a second season of survey work (see separate report, pp. 21-28). With the assistance of the Oriental Institute Computer Laboratory, she is now finishing a computer-aided version of the site map for the report on the 1993 season. Briefer projects included writing an entry on Bir Umm Fawakhir for The Archaeology of Ancient Egypt: An Encyclopedia, delivering a paper on Fawakhir at the American Research Center in Egypt meeting in Baltimore, and attending a meeting of The Society of Woman Geographers in Washington, D.C. to help set up guidelines for their new museum and archives. Projects initiated include a contribution to a Festschrift with the working title, "The Ptolemaic Tank Trade: Elephants from East Africa," a paper on the geological context of Bir Umm Fawakhir to be delivered by a co-author at the Egyptian-Italian conference on Geophysical Sciences in Mediterranean Archaeology in Cairo, and an invitation to chair a session on Medieval Islamic glass at the meeting of the Association Internationale pour l'Histoire du Verre in Copenhagen next year.