

**Douglas L. Esse** completed the manuscript of his book *Subsistence, Trade, and Social Change in Early Bronze Age Palestine*, which is now in the final stages of editing. The book will be published by The Oriental Institute in its series *Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization (SAOC)*. He also submitted an article on the Early Bronze Age seal impressions recovered in excavations sponsored by The Oriental Institute at the site of Beth Yerah, located at the southwestern corner of the Sea of Galilee. These impressions will be published in the Ruth and David Amiran Festschrift volume of the series *Eretz Israel*. Much of the rest of the 1990-91 academic year was spent on preparations for the second season (1991) at the Early Bronze Age site of Yaqush in the Jordan Valley, Israel. The first season was supported generously by a grant from the National Geographic Society. The next three excavation seasons will be partially supported by a substantial grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities in addition to private contributions made to The Oriental Institute. The summer of 1990 has been spent on research involving the recovery of an elusive stratum from Megiddo, Stratum VI, dated to the mid-11th century B.C. The original publication of the stratum was deficient, owing as much to problems and disruptions among Megiddo staff members as to the fiery destruction which sealed the fate of the ancient inhabitants of Megiddo. Esse has devoted much of his time to a re-analysis of the original plans and unpublished photographs and will present the new evidence for a more complete picture of the mid-11th century at Megiddo in a monograph to be published by The Oriental Institute.