

McGuire Gibson continues to do research on the social and economic structures of Mesopotamian civilization as well as more down-to-earth issues such as the more correct reconstruction of the artifactual sequence. He is a co-convenor of a workshop on pottery and another on the ancient environment, in which Belgian, Dutch, British, German, French, and American colleagues take part. He edited and wrote chapters of *Uch Tepe II, Technical Reports*. He began service on a committee that is planning a major exhibition of Mesopotamian Antiquities from the Iraq Museum, which was to have toured the U.S. during 1992-93; he is also on the selection committee and is a contributor to the catalogue. The exhibition has been postponed. During the year, he was named to the advisory board of an Italian conference on *Arabia Antiqua*, which will take place in 1991 and for which he has written a paper. A great deal of his time from March until August was devoted to The American Association for Research in Baghdad, a consortium of more than twenty-five American universities and museums with scholarly interests in Iraq. As the Association's first president, he

gained the agreement of Iraqi authorities for the establishment of a permanent research facility in Baghdad and began a successful fund-raising campaign, which was halted by the crisis of August. It is hoped that the facility can be opened in the future. Gibson continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies. He is the Treasurer of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers.