

◆ **MCGUIRE GIBSON**, in addition to his commitment to Nippur, continues his engagement in other research and a number of academic service organizations. This year, he has edited and contributed two chapters to the second volume of Uch Tepe reports, which will be published in Copenhagen. He has revised a manuscript on the Y Trench at Kish for publication and has agreed to give advice, when asked, to a Japanese Expedition which has just begun excavating at Kish. He and the other members of the Nippur Expedition continue to cooperate with the Belgian and German expeditions in Iraq in working toward a general corpus of pottery. Members of the same expeditions, with the addition of the British expedition, are also preparing an atlas of ancient southern Mesopotamia, based on ecological studies.

Gibson remains an officer of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, stepping down as chairman to become treasurer. He continues to serve on the board of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies and is chairman of a committee to set up a facility to house American researchers in Iraq. He remains a member of the Academic Committee of the International Congress on Oriental Carpets (San Francisco, 1990), and has just joined the Scientific Board of a conference on *Arabia Antiqua*, to be held in Rome in 1991. At the university level, as chairman of the Committee on Archaeological Studies, he established a year-long graduate workshop on technical approaches in archaeology.