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### Tell Hesban 1997

This past summer, the Institute of Archaeology sponsored an expedition to Tell Hesban, Jordan. Øystein S. LaBianca (Andrews University) served as the director for this project while Paul J. Ray, Jr. (Andrews University) was chief archaeologist. The survey, headed by Gary Christopherson (University of Arizona), continued to gather environmental data of the local region. The major contributors for this trip included the National Geographic Society; Andrews University; the Department of Antiquities, Jordan; and the American Center of Oriental Research, Jordan.

Continuing from 1996, the expedition primarily focused on the restoration and excavation of archaeological remains and a random square survey of the local environment. Some of the remains which were restored included an Islamic bath complex and remnants of a Byzantine church. The team also constructed signs and cleared pathways around the tell in order to enhance its presentation to visitors.

Besides restoration and the survey, several squares were opened to examine problems concerning the occupational history of the site. One problem dealt with the age of a perimeter wall located on the northeast side of the tell. Excavations carried out by Philip R. Drey (Andrews University) revealed the construction of the wall dated to the Iron II/Persian period. Another dilemma centered on the debated function of a 4-meter deep bedrock trench which had been previously excavated. Once thought to be associated with a reservoir, the channel is now interpreted to be a defensive trench. Findings showed that the trench was constructed and used during the late-13th and early-12th century BC. Excavation was also conducted in one of the many unexplored caves underneath Tell Hesban. The complex investigated this summer consisted of many rooms with arches and barrel vaults. Artifacts uncovered in these rooms provided evidence that these subterranean dwellings were possibly occupied from the Byzantine period through the Ottoman period. (Staff)



The 1997 Tell Hesban expedition group.



## WWW Redone

The official website of the Institute of Archaeology/Horn Archaeological Museum has undergone a dramatic change since it was established in the spring of 1997.

The site now features a new design for its home page and additional text and images. Background, text, and link colors respective of the four different categories (Institute, Museum, Archaeological Fieldwork, and Publications) as well as many helpful images and graphics now aid in using the site.

Visit the Institute's web site at: [www.andrews.edu/ARCHAEOLOGY](http://www.andrews.edu/ARCHAEOLOGY). (Philip R. Drey)



The minds behind the website include, from left, Brian Malooley, J. Mailen Kootsey, and Philip R. Drey.

## Bible Lectures

Randall W. Younker, Director of the Institute of Archaeology, attended an 11-day Biblical Field Conference in Jerusalem this August. This conference addressed several issues concerning the authority and relevancy of the Scriptures. Activities of the conference included presentations by Adventist scholars and visits to religious sites.

During his presentations, Younker focused on archaeological topics that familiarized conference members with accomplishments by Institute personnel. These presentations included the challenges of Stone Age archaeology and the different historical views concerning the Exodus and Conquest.

Younker also had the opportunity to meet with General Conference President Robert Folkenberg to discuss the growing achievements of the Institute. These accomplishments include an impressive list of publications and an outstanding record of archaeological fieldwork. Folkenberg expressed great appreciation for what Adventist archaeologists had achieved and proposed ways in which archaeological findings can be used in ways to help people possess a greater understanding and appreciation of the Bible and its world. Institute staff look forward to working with church leadership in using archaeological findings to benefit both the church and the world to which it ministers. (Erin Westfall)



## Zayadine Visits

The Horn Archaeological Museum Lecture Series is proud to announce a presentation by Fawzi Zayadine on Biblical Sela'. Zayadine will present this lecture on November 13 during his stay at Andrews University where he will utilize the Museum, the Siegfried H. Horn Library, and the James White Library for research purposes.

Other scholars also are currently making use of research materials housed in the HAM. Dorothy Irvin, University of Minnesota, spent four days in August conducting research on textile use for an article in an upcoming volume of the Hesban series. Joel Ogot, University of Eastern Africa at Baraton, is spending several months at the Museum studying and working with a collection of stone tools for a pending handbook. Yvonne Gerber, University of Basel at Switzerland, will be arriving in late November of this year to work on Hellenistic through Byzantine pottery from Tell Hesban for volume 11 of the Hesban Series. (Philip R. Drey)



### The Horn Archaeological Museum Exhibit

will resume regular business hours beginning September 22. Regular Museum viewing hours will be Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 n and 1:00 pm-5:00 pm and 9:00 am-12:00 n on Friday. Special appointments for viewing the exhibits may be made by calling 616-471-3273.





Ralph E. Hendrix

## Hendrix to Leave Publications

Ralph E. Hendrix, Director of Archaeological Publications, has recently announced his resignation from the Institute of Archaeology. "It has been my pleasure to work with many wonderful people and first-class scholars. I have appreciated, and will remember fondly, their respect and friendship," Hendrix says of his experience with the Institute. He began work at the Horn Museum as assistant to the curator in 1988. After graduating with a MA in Old Testament from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1989, Hendrix became the Director of Archaeological Publications in 1990. Since then, he has coauthored *Ancient Pottery of Transjordan* and has been the managing editor of several books including Madaba Plains Project Series volumes 2 and 3 (1987, 1989 seasons), Hesban Final Publication Series volumes 7 and 13 (Hellenistic Strata; Faunal Remains), *Hesban After 25 Years*, and *To Understand the Scriptures* (the Shea Festschrift). He has also been responsible for the advancement of the IA/HAM Newsletter, which is now received by 800 people in several countries. Hendrix has aided the promotion of the Institute by designing several brochures and magazine advertisements for exhibits at the Museum. Other accomplishments include the MPP dig manual and organizing the Museum's extensive photographic archive.

Aside from his editorial duties, Hendrix has participated in two photographic surveys of Egypt, Palestine, and Sinai (1988, 1991); a dig at Tel Gezer, Palestine (1990); and a brief field survey of a farmstead in Upstate New York (1994). He has supported Andrews University in

other capacities by serving as an AUPress board member and supervising student editorial assistants. Over the years, he has contributed 41 articles to various professional and religious journals and magazines. A recent project involved the publications section of the Institute's Web page in which he served as a consultant.

Moving in October, Hendrix plans to leave the field of publications. "I have been moving in a different direction for sometime, and now is simply the best time to make the transition." The members of the Institute wish him well in his future endeavors. (Erin Westfall)



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The Institute of Archaeology/Horn Archaeological Museum wishes to announce its student personnel for the 1997-1998 academic year. Paul J. Ray, Jr., Ph.D. candidate, will resume his duties as Assistant to the Curator of the Horn Museum while Philip R. Drey, Ph.D. student, will continue to function as Assistant to the Director of Publications. We extend a welcome to Erin Westfall, undergraduate in Anthropology, who will take on the responsibilities of Editorial Assistant of the Publication Department.

The tribute to William H. Shea is now available.

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Using the 1996 Tell el-'Umeiri database, Douglas Clark, Walla Walla College, and Karen Borstad, University of Arizona, deduced the quantity of pottery by archaeological period for that site. The majority of pottery sherds dated to the Early and Late Iron I, the Early Iron II, and the Late Iron II/Persian periods. Other significant periods included the Early, Middle, and Late Bronze ages with only a few sherds from the Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, and Islamic periods. This number-crunching is an example of one of the useful and interesting functions of the databases now employed by the Madaba Plains Project.

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