

# Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum NEWSLETTER

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## THE MUSEUM MOVES TO A NEW LOCATION

A visit to the James White Library on the campus of Andrews University can no longer be rewarded by a tranquil passage through time which formerly could be realized in the Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum.

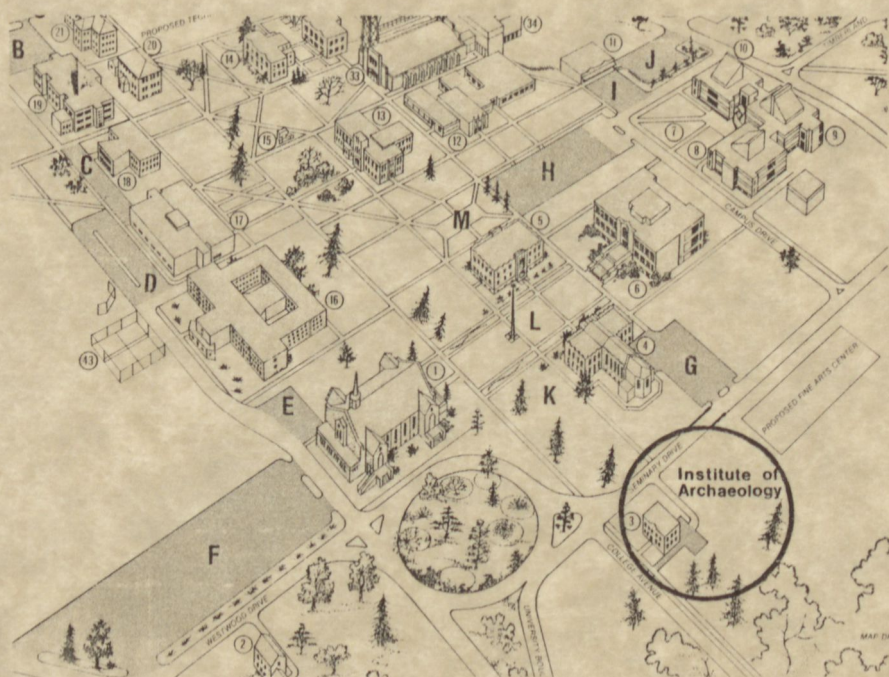
In April of this year the museum staff was informed that the long anticipated move away from the library to new quarters on the corner of College Avenue and Seminary Drive could begin. In fact it had to be completed by the last week in May. The new location of the Institute of Archaeology and the Horn Museum is in a two story brick structure plus basement originally erected to house the offices of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In more recent years the building was used by the Geoscience Research Institute.

As in most moves there are advantages and disadvantages that could be mentioned. Our location in the James White Library was in the main flow of traffic on campus, a place where most students could find it easy to visit our large display areas and other facilities. Research literature in the library was close at hand and frequently used. This was to be traded for the identity which accompanies the privilege of being the sole occupants of an entire building. The area allocated for the display of artifacts in our new location is somewhat smaller than what we had before, but careful and creative use of the available space should make an effective exhibit. Since we are no longer where most people have to go we have to make a special effort to draw attention to our anticipated new display.



We have been fortunate to obtain the cooperation of Peter Erhard from the Art Department who will help design our new displays to make them as attractive as possible. It is not certain when we will have the display area ready for the public to visit. Some remodeling will have to take place first and funds for this project will have to be allocated by the University Administration.

Our storage area will be more than double the size available in the library, and with a new excavation project about to begin this is very welcome news. Laboratory space will also be available facilitating the task of conservation, preservation, and study of the artifacts. Even though classroom space will not be available the laboratories will afford the students the opportunity of careful study of artifacts for special projects or classes.



Adequate office space will also make it possible for the entire Institute staff to be located in one building. The office and storage areas are scheduled to be completed first so the objects and the staff can be moved to the new location. This move has been anticipated for



some time and now that it is taking place we are eagerly looking forward to its completion when we again can have our displays open to serve the public of the University and the larger community of Southwestern Michigan. Any museum member may visit the new location even though it is not yet open to the public. If you are going to be on the campus of Andrews University, please give us a call at (616) 471-3273 and we will be happy to show you our new home.

### RECENT ACQUISITIONS

During the recent extended U.S. visit of Khader Baldun (see *Newsletter* vol. 3, no. 2), the Horn Museum was able to acquire several items from him which will enhance future displays.

A pair of highly ornate leather sandals from the Mamluk period was the most striking of the newly acquired artifacts. Other intriguing items included two small bronze boxes thought to be amulets. A visit to the Field Museum in Chicago revealed that they were miniature sarcophagi from Egypt; they had similar objects on display in the Egyptian section of their museum. The last item was a small face mask made of plaster and possibly dating from the Roman period.

Abraham Terian, a professor in the New Testament department at Andrews University, made available for purchase an alabaster vase from the Roman period or the time of Christ. It will vividly illustrate the episode from the life of Jesus when a woman "with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume" (Mt 26:7 NASB) anointed him.

The museum also purchased a string of Sumerian beads from an antiquities dealer in New York. All of these purchases were made possible through the generous donations of longtime friends of the museum, Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Phillips of Seattle, Washington.

Bonnie Jean Hannah, professor of Business Education at Andrews University donated to the museum three sets of stereoscopic pictures of Jerusalem, Hebron, and Palestine. The copyright date on the pictures is 1891.

## MUSEUM DISPLAY IN HERITAGE ROOM

The Heritage Room of the James White Library has very kindly made two large display cases available to the Horn Archaeological Museum while work is in progress on the renovation of our new location. The items on display in the Heritage Room relate to the life and culture of Tell Hesban which was excavated by Andrews University.

If you are visiting the campus make sure you include the Heritage Room in your itinerary. The Heritage Room is a research center for Seventh-day Adventist denominational history including resources for the Advent Movement which anteceded the founding of the Adventist Church. In addition to documentary and cultural materials relating to Adventist history you will also find a large collection of Bibles primarily dating from the 15th to the 17th centuries. Original editions of some of the works of Martin Luther can also be found in the Heritage Room.

The Museum staff wishes to express its heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown us by the Heritage Room through its curator, Louise Dederen.

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