



# HORN ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

The Institute of Archaeology

## STORFJELL HEADS INSTITUTE

Dr. Bjornar Storfjell, associate professor of archaeology and history of antiquities at Andrews University, has been named acting director of the Institute of Archaeology for the next two years.

Dr. Storfjell is replacing Dr. William Shea who is leaving Andrews University to take up new responsibilities at the Biblical Research Institute in Washington, D.C. (see story p. 3)

He received his Master of Divinity (1969) and his Ph.D. from Andrews (1983). The title of his dissertation is *Stratigraphy of Byzantine Heshbon*.

He taught French and German at Auburn Academy (Auburn, Wash.), and then served as chairman of the biblical languages department of Middle East College (Beirut, Lebanon) from 1970-1973.

In 1981 he became part of Andrews faculty as assistant professor of archaeology and history of antiquities, and assistant curator of the Horn Museum.

His fieldwork includes the Andrews 1976 season at Heshbon, Jordan and the 1981 joint expedition to Tell el-Hesi, Israel.

He is a member of numerous societies that include: American Schools of Oriental Research, Andrews Society of Religious Studies, Biblical Archaeology Society, Israel Exploration Society, and the Society of Biblical Literature.

Building on the successful year of former acting director Dr. Shea, Dr. Storfjell has obtained an additional \$4,000 from Andrews University Press, though the 1986/1987 institute budget has been reduced. He has also arranged with the press to publish six volumes per year for the next two years. Volumes from the Hesban final report series and the *Andrews University Assyriological Series (AUAS)* are included in the proposed

volumes to be published.

Though the institute director has the primary responsibility of overseeing the publication of institute projects, Dr. Storfjell plans for the institute during the next two years include being actively involved in fund raising, the clarification of goals, and the professional integrity of all phases of the institute.





# MUSEUM PROJECTS UPDATE

We desire to keep our readers up-to-date on our current needs and plans; here are the highlights. Since February we have had an exhibit in our main exhibition area, but we have not been able to offer regular viewing hours due to our lack of funds. During fall quarter we will begin a volunteer training program (*see story p. 4*) to provide guides for the exhibition area. With this plan in view, we will open with regular hours in the fall quarter.

Our exhibition is still without the mural that our original display design indicated. A special committee established by the Andrews University Institute of Archaeology governing board is working with the curator to find the right artist for the 12 paintings that will make up the mural. The finished cabinets and present display are impressive, but the missing mural leaves the display incomplete. We have interviewed several artists, but to contract the murals and complete the museum renovation, at least an additional \$20,000 is needed.

The Horn Museum possesses one of the largest cuneiform tablet collections in the United States. Unfortunately, we have never been able to properly display these tablets due to a lack of a proper location. Because of the new museum design we now have a small room in which the tablets could be displayed. This room, the "Tablet and Coin" room, could be renovated for about \$5,000.

Now for the first time, the Horn Museum is displaying its artifacts by archaeological periods in a large-scale exhibition. This

has revealed many gaps in our collection. For example, from the Iron III period we have no pottery. "Emergency" donations, totaling at least \$5,000, are needed to fill the most obvious gaps in the display. Special certificates will be awarded those who provide funds for artifact acquisition. In mid-August David Merling, curator of the Horn Museum, will be in Palestine and hopes to purchase the needed artifacts if the funds are available.

One reason Mr. Merling will be in the Middle East this summer will be to confer with Jordanian officials about a survey he wants to conduct during spring quarter 1987. One feature of this project will be the use of a hot air balloon for aerial photographs in the survey region. Once the balloon is purchased it would be available for aerial on-site photography at Andrews sponsored excavations. The cost, with the necessary cameras and needed accessories, is \$6,000.

To recap, there are several areas that need your financial support. You could provide funds for major expenses such as the completion of the main exhibit area (the mural) or the "Tablet and Coin" room. On the other hand, you could provide funds for artifact acquisition or special research projects. However you choose to support the Horn Museum, you can be sure that your donations and membership funds help advance the knowledge of the Bible lands and that you are providing a special opportunity for the Horn Archaeological Museum to display that knowledge.

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## MERLING MUSEUM CURATOR

On March 2, 1986, David Merling was appointed the new curator of the Horn Archaeological Museum. David served as assistant curator for the 1984-1985 school year, replacing Dr. Bjornar Storfjell, who is now teaching archaeology full-time in the SDA Theological Seminary and is acting director of the Institute of Archaeology (*see story p. 1*).

David's future plans for the museum include training volunteers as guides, so the museum could open up the display to the public on a regular basis.



## SHEA LEAVES INSTITUTE FOR D.C.

Dr. William Shea, director of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University, will be leaving to take up responsibilities at the Biblical Research Institute in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Shea will join three other scholars at the institute: Dr. George Reid--Church Historian, Dr. Herb Kiesler--New Testament, and Dr. Frank Holbrook--Biblical Studies.

"The Biblical Research Institute, a subdivision of the S.D.A. General Conference, is a service to provide biblical resources in church projects," said Dr. Shea.

Dr. Shea, who was also professor of Old Testament in the S.D.A. Seminary, will be teaching fall quarter at the Jerusalem Center, an Adventist school for college students that provides "... the enrichment of college education and an opportunity for the students to sample and to handle the biblical lands first hand," he said.

One of the committees Dr. Shea has been assigned to by the General Conference, the Biblical Research Committee (BRICOM), is currently working on an exposition of church doctrines which will be published as volume 11 of the S.D.A. Bible Commentary.

Dr. Shea has also been assigned to other committees, including the Daniel and Revelation, and the Alcohol and Drug committees.

Given time for his own research, Dr. Shea plans to continue his studies in Old Testament history and archaeology.

Although leaving Andrews University, he will continue to have a firm relationship with the university by teaching at Andrews' extension schools.

Dr. Shea came to Andrews in 1972 after 14 years of practicing medicine, four years of which were spent in Nicaragua and three in Trinidad. Because he had an interest in archaeology, he studied on his own and taught while in the mission field, due to a shortage of teachers.

He first taught part-time at Andrews while completing his doctorate in Near Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He also served three years as chairman of the Old Testament department and has taught post-graduate seminars for ministers in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Indonesia, England, Korea, and Hawaii.

Over 100 of his articles have been published, as well as two books. He currently serves as book editor of the Andrews University Seminary Studies (AUSS).

Dr. Shea was asked to take over as director of the Institute of Archaeology after Dr. Lawrence Geraty accepted the position of president at Atlantic Union College (So. Lancaster, Mass.). Dr. Shea accepted the position, but only for the 1985-1986 school year since he had already accepted the position in Washington, D.C.

During Dr. Shea's year as acting director much was accomplished, including the near completion of museum remodeling and the revitalization of the publishing projects with one volume published, two at the press, and several more near completion.

"I've had a very busy time at Andrews. It's been exciting and interesting and I have enjoyed the association with my students and colleagues. I think the Lord has blessed Andrews and I hope I have been able to contribute in some small way," remarked Dr. Shea.





## JORDAN DIG POSTPONED

The excavation this summer at Tell el-'Umeiri in Jordan has been postponed 12 months from the original date set for this summer. June 15 to August 11, 1987 is tentatively scheduled for next year.

The decision was reached by Dr. Lawrence T. Geraty, director of the Madaba Plains Project in Jordan, president of Atlantic Union College (So. Lancaster, Mass.); Mr. Øystein LaBianca, associate director for the project and chairman of the behavioral sciences department at Andrews; Dr. Larry G. Herr, associate director of the project, professor at Canadian Union College; and Patsy Tyner, administrative director of the project, residing in Washington, D.C.

The postponement this year was due to a heightened concern over the publicly stated intentions of extremists in the Middle East to target American and other foreigners.

It was questionable if the liability insurance of the S.D.A. General Conference (GENCON) would cover acts of war or terrorism in the Middle East.

According to Mr. LaBianca, the decision to postpone the dig was delayed because Jordan has an outstanding record of security for foreigners.

This is because Jordan's King Hussein has a very loyal army who has effectively maintained peace and order, he said.

"King Hussein is very popular among the Jordanians . . . so he stays in control."

Although the dig has been put off a year the institute will continue contact with the 92 people who had planned to go this summer.

"We have confidence that in a year's time we will be returning to the field," Mr. LaBianca said.


## WE NEED YOU !

The Horn Archaeological Museum is the only museum in Southwest Michigan dedicated to the artifacts and culture of the ancient Near East (the Bible lands). We need volunteers who would be willing to assist our museum staff. This fall the museum will have a free training program enabling volunteers to work as guides, clerical helpers, and in other museum work. We need people who have at least one free morning or afternoon per week, a pleasant personality, a willingness to learn, and an interest in attending the training sessions.

In return, volunteers will receive a free subscription to the Horn Archaeological Museum Newsletter, a certificate of recognition upon their completion of the training program, and a feeling of pride and accomplishment from having shared your talents with your community. For more information call (616)-471-3273.

### MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS

Usually, during December, we mail a special reminder of museum memberships, but perhaps there are some people who inadvertently let the reminder slip without sending a special contribution. Those who contribute \$50 or more before October 15 will receive a free copy of the book, *Luchnaria: Inscribed Lamps of the Byzantine Period*, by Dr. Eugenia Notowski.



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