For the first time in four years the Horn Museum is now open for the public with regular visiting hours. There are several unfinished display projects, but since these projects will not be completed for sometime, it was decided to allow visitation of our display while finishing the remaining projects as soon as possible.

The main obstacle in the completion of three projects in the exhibition area is the lack of finances. Twenty thousand dollars is needed to commission eleven murals which were originally designed as illustrative examples of the use of the artifacts on display. Space has been reserved in the display area and several artists have been contacted, but insufficient funds have forced us to delay this project.

In addition, funds are needed to develop our "Coin and Tablet Room." As you know, the Horn Museum has over 3,000 cuneiform tablets in its collection, but the display area is limited. The museum also has an exceptional coin collection, with only a few coins on display. We do have an excellent room in which both the coins and tablets can be displayed; however, $5,000 is needed to develop this display area.

The third area needing attention is the purchase of additional objects for display. The new exhibit encompasses the Stone Age through Islamic times; unfortunately, in some of the periods, we have a very limited number of objects. About $5,000 is needed to fill in the "gaps."

We will keep our readers informed of our progress. As we near completion of these projects we will be planning a "Grand opening" and we want you to be there.

Exhibit hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8-12 noon and 1-5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 2-5 p.m.
Representative at the Los Angeles Times in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Allison is an excellent word processor operator. Her favorite hobby and interest is piano. Thus, being a church pianist she is of great help to her husband Harold Milo Allison, Jr, who is a pastor from San Antonio, Texas. He is currently a student of the Theological Seminary, pursuing his Master of Divinity degree.

Asked about her first feelings of the Museum, Mrs. Allison replied that she is pleased with the warm welcome she received and professionalism of staff members and other workers of the Museum. She is especially impressed with the exhibition on the main floor, which although incomplete, is "one of the best looking exhibitions," she has seen in a long time.

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THE 1986/1987 LECTURE SERIES

The Horn Museum lecture series began on Oct. 13 with Dr. Abraham Terian's presenting, "The Religious Relics of the First Christian Nation." Dr. Terian, Professor of Intertestamental and Early Christian Literature at Andrews University, was recently invited by the Soviet Academy of Sciences to lecture in Soviet Armenia. Dr. Terian's lecture at Andrews University provided a survey of Christian Armenian history and outlined the research potential for those competent in Armenia.

Dr. Bjornar Storfjell, Director of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University, presented on Oct. 27, "The Crescent and the Cross: Christianity Gives Way to Islam." This lecture detailed the transition between the Byzantine culture and emerging Islamic influences. Historical details were highlighted by archaeological evidence.

The Director and Dean of the Franscian Biblical Institute Stanisloa Loffreda lectured on Nov 17. Dr. Loffreda, who is also the Director of the Capernaum Excavation, presented "Recent Excavations at Capernaum." This well-attended lecture

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Standing from left to right: Dave Merling, Betty Kelly, Zlatko Kanacki, Mariet Peterson, Bjornar Storfjell. Sitting from left to right: Cary Revilla, Rosemarie Torez, and Teru Fukui.

Six individuals are volunteering four hours per week as museum helpers. The initial task of the volunteers has been to serve as "guards" for the display area. Without these volunteers the display area would not have been opened to the public (see companion article, "Museum Opens").

Five training sessions have been conducted for the volunteers. Dr. Zlatko Kanacki lectured on the care and handling of objects. David Merling gave the volunteers a tour of the Horn Museum and also lectured twice on the history of the ancient Near East. Dr. Bjornar Storfjell gave two lectures on the subject of archaeology. A banquet is being planned for the volunteers on Dec 7, 1986.

Those who have been active in our volunteer program are Teru Fukui, Pauline Hiatt, Betty Kelley, Mariet Peterson, James Russel, and Rosemarie Torrez.

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MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS

Soon you, as a friend of the Horn Museum, will be receiving the annual reminder of your Museum membership. Please consider advancing your membership status. Memberships presently available are:

- Participating: $10.
- Contributing: $25.
- Sustaining: $50.
- Sponsor: $100.
- Patron: $500.
- Benefactor: $1,000.
- Life-time Trustee: $3,000.

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centered around the evidence Dr. Loffreda believes supports his conclusion that he has found the location of St. Peter's Capernaum house.

Other lectures in this series include:

Jan. 29, Lawrence T. Geraty, "Tell el-'Umeiri 1987"

Feb. 23, William Shea, "Traces of Israelites in Sinai"

Mar. 9, James K. Hoffmeier, "Moses vs Pharaoh, an Egyptologist's Perspective"

Mar. 23, Kenneth Pott, "Maritime Museum"

Apr. 20, John Walton, "The Mesopotamian Background of the Tower of Babel"

May 4, Alfred Hoerth, "Ancient Games People Played"

All lectures are presented in the Seminary Chapel at Andrews University at 8:00 p.m. For additional information telephone (616) 471-3273.

SIGRIST VISITING HORN MUSEUM

During the first week of September the Siegfried Horn Archaeological Museum was honored to have Dr. Marcel Sigrist of Ecole Biblique, Jerusalem as a guest. He returned to Andrews University to make notes about several of the museum's cuneiform tablets. Sigrist is continuing to work on the translation of the rich collection of cunei-

form tablets housed at the museum. Two volumes of the Institute of Archaeology Publications, Assyriological Series has already been published. Another two volumes are scheduled to be published by the end of this school year.

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