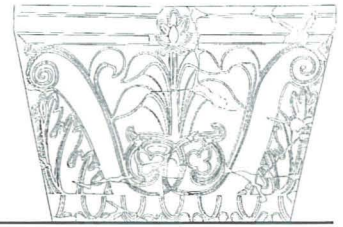


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Petra Roman Street and Shops Prefeasibility Study, Chrysanthos Kanellopoulos, architect, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and ACOR/USAID (CERM)

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Jaakko Frosen, Erja Salmenkivi, Marjo Lehtinen, Mari and Matti Mustonen, Jan Vihonen, Marjaana Vesterinen, Tiina Rankinen, Marja Vierros, Mari Mikkola, Maarit Karmo, Antti Arjava, Tiina Purola

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Happenings at ACOR

Dec. 12. The Lust-Okars and the Crystals leave for home. Peace and quiet reigns.

Dec. 12. Former ASAIP Fellow Marion Katz shows up for a short visit.

Dec. 13. Fellowship Committee Chairman Nancy Lapp becomes the world's quickest and most enthusiastic convert to e-mail.

Dec. 14. Nisreen comes in to work on her day off, "because I like the new accounting program so much!"

Dec. 14. The American School of Classical Studies in Athens (ASCSA) tour arrives. Glen inquires if the tour leader brought along her own body bag - Kathy had to change the reservations at least 20 times and was not happy!

Dec. 15. Zbig returns from a highly successful lecture tour in Israel, hosted by the Hebrew University Institute for Advanced Studies and Institute of Archaeology.

Dec. 16 The etymology of the name Richard is the topic of discussion at lunch. It seems that Clem is descended from some minor king or other.

Dec. 16. Scott hosts a party for his FRENCH class!

Dec. 17. Kathy comes in at 6:30 am just to field complaints from the ASCSA tour.

Dec. 17. Someone calls and offers to sell a piece of land - complete with "caves and three mummies!!" Sorry, we already used up December's budget allocation for mummies!

Dec. 20. Majid Nimri pores over the bids for the Petra Shelter.

Dec. 20. ACOR receives a \$10,000 donation to the Jennifer C. Groot Fellowship Endowment!

Dec. 21. Zeidan Kefafi picks up a bunch of duplicate books, donated to the Yarmouk University Institute of



Identify this room and win a lovely gift!!



Christmas dinner and ACOR's nonpareil cooks!

Archaeology by the ACOR Library.

Dec. 22. A strange, thick fog envelops the area across from ACOR.

Dec. 22. The residents mutiny against regular spaghetti. A spaghetti carbonara recipe is faxed from Gaetano Palumbo and Anna Paolini in Los Angeles. Marjo prepares it - it's great!!

Dec. 23. Abed and Saeed paint the dining room (it actually takes longer to mask the windows and doors than to do the painting).

Dec. 23. Nisreen finishes her test of the accounting software with July data - it works, but it's still like a spitting cobra.

Dec. 24. After suffering two days of yellow rice, Zbig comments: "There's nothing wrong with cannibalism."

Dec. 24. Ahmed Momany finishes packing the Amman Citadel excavation artifacts.

Dec. 24. Former NMERTA Fellow Erin Addison shows up for a short visit.

Dec. 24. On the way to Christmas Mass at Mount Nebo, the Volvo's transmission nearly expires, but everyone returns to ACOR before midnight. (Sorry Pierre - the Tyrant Glen has permanently expropriated your car!)

Dec. 25. A discussion arises regarding precisely who is "in charge".

Dec. 25. Another fantastic Christmas meal prepared by Mohammed Adawi and his sons.

Dec. 26. Abed and Saeed paint the living room. Tom Dailey comes in



and wonders if this is to cover up the evidence of a wild Christmas party. (We'll never tell!!)

Dec. 27. A blue-ribbon committee reviews and recommends a bid for the Petra Shelter.

Dec. 27. A former ACOR President offers to fund a graduate fellowship in archaeology at ACOR in 1996.

Dec. 28. Kathy suggests to Zbig that instead of going to the exercise club to pump iron, he can go down to the archive and lift boxes - and ACOR won't charge him for the use of the equipment!

Dec. 29. Bert and Sally deVries arrive bearing gifts: photographic printing paper for the Petra Scrolls Project.

Dec. 30. ACOR's "White Christmas" arrives a couple days late - Abed drops a full bucket off the ladder while repainting the lobby.

Jan. 1. The New Year starts perfectly for Zbig: shish-kebab and pecan pie for lunch.

Jan. 1. The Finnish papyrological army arrives.

Jan. 2. Glen agrees to edit out Kathy's contribution for the day.

Jan. 3. Zbig prints the first draft copy of the Petra Church publication - its about 2" thick.

Jan. 4. Chrys and Anthi return for a working vacation in Petra.

Jan. 4. Rami Khouri's review of the *Great Temple of Amman* appears in the Jordan Times.

Jan. 4. Jalila and Saeed Adawi have their first-born: it's a GIRL!!!! Her name is Seja ("the quiet of midnight").

Jan. 6. Longtime ACOR friend/fellow Lauri Brand shows up.

Jan. 7. NMERTA Fellow Julie Hansen arrives after being delayed by a Boston snowstorm.

Jan. 10. In Petra, a new name is coined for the Byzantine church shelter: khemeh plastikkyeh.

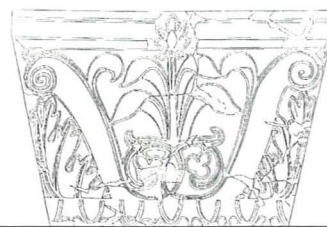
Jan. 13. The tyranny of Glen ends.



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Happenings at ACOR

Jan. 15. 1 am. Sneaking in from the airport in
the middle of the night, the Bikais stage a coup
against all the "Bosses." They regain control of
ACOR.

Jan. 15. 11 am. The Bikais regret the takeover
and decide to return to the airport!

Jan. 18. The Finnish Scroll Team holds one of
their twice-weekly seminars on the papyri they
are working on for publication. During a
lengthy discussion of whether one letter is an
omega or an omicron, Zbig declares that he



The University of Helsinki seminar group

prefers working with dirt.

Jan. 20. Pierre makes a one-day trip to Petra to
attend the formal inauguration (by H.M. Queen
Noor) of the newly refurbished Nazzal's Camp.
The renovation was funded by Switzerland
through a grant to the Petra National Trust. All
of us who have had to stay at Nazzal's Camp
are very grateful to the Swiss.

Jan. 22. Beshara Doumani arrives to take up his

NMERTA fellowship.

Jan. 22. Rami Khouri and Leen Fakhoury come by to discuss cultural conservation strategy.

Jan. 22. Dan Gamber comes by and gets 'volunteered' to straighten out the map collection.

Jan. 24. Stephen Lintner of the World Bank comes by. When he was with USAID, he was involved in some of ACOR's early projects.

Jan. 24. Another scroll seminar—this time on *P. Petra Thomas* and *Francesca Bennett*.

Jan. 24. This year's Jordan Newsletter is sent off to the *American Journal of Archaeology*.

Jan. 24. Word comes that Glen's application to the Kress Foundation for two ACOR fellowships in the history of art is successful!

Jan. 25. There is a reception for the new fellows



The Pells, Bikais, Robbs, and Inhofes



and to honor the Finnish scroll team which has a l m o s t completed its work for the season. Jaakko and Pierre sing

(in Finnish and Italian).

Jan. 31. Humi Ayoubi leaves for her vacation in Peru.

Feb. 2. Jaakko discovers two lines of Latin in *Papyrus Petra* Nancy and Dan Gamber! As a bonus, the date A.D. 528 as the earliest date in the scrolls is confirmed.

Feb. 2. Beshara Doumani's wife, Ismat Atteereh, and daughter, Tala, arrive.

Feb. 3. Jaakko and two more members of the Finnish team leave for home.

Feb. 3. The Jordan Committee of the Board of Trustees meets at ACOR.

Feb. 4. Beshara Doumani introduces his -five month old daughter, Tala, to the assembly at lunch. Clem to Beshara: "She looks just like you—only she has more hair!"

Feb. 7. Glen Peterman resigns from ACOR. We will miss him.

Feb. 8. Dan Gamber steps in to assist with office work.

Feb. 9. Senators Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island and his wife Nuala, Charles Robb of Virginia and his wife Linda Byrd, and James Inhofe of



Clem showing the group the scrolls

Oklahoma and his wife Kay come by ACOR for a tour and to see the scrolls. Pierre then takes the group off to Petra for a tour. Did he take the opportunity to

speak to the senators about funding for overseas research centers? You guess!



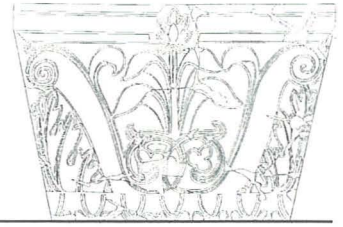
A little lobbying in the lobby?

Feb. 11. Fellow Sandra Scham, husband Paul and daughter Anat arrive. We now have two babies in the house!

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Feb. 13. Pierre gives another lecture to the student tour guides.

Feb. 13. Former ACOR President Ed Harrell comes by for a visit.

Feb. 13. Tom Dailey discovers that he can e-mail his editorial comments on ACOR publications directly into ACOR. Run for your lives!!

Feb. 14. Sandra Scham goes off to work at her site, Teileilat Ghassul, but the area has changed so much that she can't find it!

Feb. 14. Engineers Jack Stecich and Stephen Kelley of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., arrive from Chicago to begin the project at Qasr al-Bint in Petra.

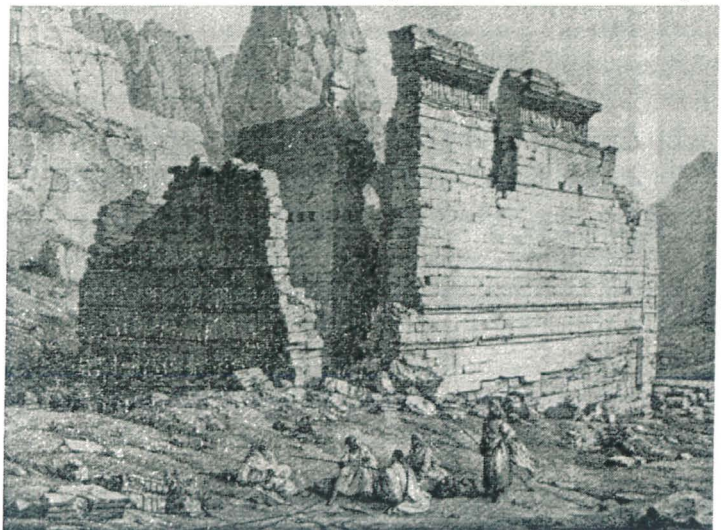
Feb. 15. The engineers meet with a parade of people who know something about Qasr al-Bint and thoroughly scare them with their opinions on the structural problems of the monument.

Feb. 15. ACOR Treasurer Randy Old comes by to check up on us.

Feb. 16. Pierre and the engineers depart for Petra to examine Qasr al-Bint.

Feb. 17. 4 AM. Scott Greenwood is taken to the hospital with food poisoning.

Feb. 17. In Petra, the engineers climb to the tops



19th century drawing of Qasr al-Bint

of the walls of Qasr al-Bint. Pierre admits he isn't willing to risk it.

Feb. 17. Nisreen gets her chance to tell Randy how fond she is of the accounting software. Kathy also makes her usual request to Randy: a check for \$100,000. He claims he doesn't have his checkbook with him.

Feb. 18. Scott is released from the hospital. The culprit was a package of dried mushrooms from a local store which he made into soup.

Feb. 19. Pierre and Scott go to the local store to complain about the mushrooms. The management is sympathetic but blames the supplier. They do remove the rest of the packages from the shelves.

Feb. 20. The feast of Eid el-Fitr is declared. Mohammed is at home celebrating, so Pierre makes lunch—shish kabob and hummus!

Feb. 20. In the evening, a bit of smokey cooking sets off the fire alarms. That gets everyone up and about.

Feb. 21. Pierre goes off on a round of touring with John Westley, director of USAID/Egypt.

Feb. 21. In the afternoon, Steve Kelley and Jack Stecich meet with Dr. Ghazi Bisheh, Tim Miller of USAID, and Pierre and Patricia to report on what they saw at Qasr al-Bint. Apparently, it won't fall down this week.

Feb. 22. H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad comes by to check on ACOR.

Feb. 22. The current group of visiting teachers from Robert College in Istanbul returns from Petra. Thus far three separate groups from the school have visited ACOR.

Feb. 23. Brigitte Porée-Braïtowsky visits the British archaeological institute. There she is asked where she is staying. "At ACOR." Response: "ACOR?—But it's full of Americans!" We will resist the temptation ...

Feb. 23. Pierre finally meets H.M. King Hussein who agrees to visit ACOR to see the scrolls.

Feb. 24. Dr. Karl Galinsky of the U. of Texas at Austin spends the better part of the day at ACOR—he's been asked by NEH to assess the facility, resources, etc., in regard to our application for fellowship funding. He also meets with the resident fellows (and thank you to them for taking the time). It all goes well.

Feb. 25. You will recall that last year's application to the National Endowment for the Humanities for matching funds for the endowment campaign was turned down. Since

it can't hurt to try again, Patricia sends off a draft application for this year's competition.

Feb. 25. Pierre, Patricia, Zbig, Leen Fakhoury, and Toni Ostrasz meet with the Chemonics design consultants for most of the afternoon. They are here to design presentation and circulation plans for the Amman Citadel, Madaba, and Petra. At one point Pierre can't resist and says, "Consultants—they're the people who borrow your watch so they can tell you what time it is."

Feb. 26. Pierre and Julie Hansen go off to the Madaba area to look for mushrooms and other edible wild things.

Feb. 26. Marcel Wahbe, the Public Affairs Officer (USIS) from the embassy, comes over to meet with the fellows.

Feb. 27. Charles Heffernan from the U.S. consulate passes out income tax and voter registration forms at ACOR.

March 4. Pierre returns from Petra where he's been leading a tour group.

March 5. Pierre turns around and heads back to Petra for another tour.

March 4. Alonzo Fulgham of USAID comes by for lunch and to be interviewed by Scott Greenwood on Jordan's privatization efforts.

March 5. The Chemonics design consultants come by again and spend the afternoon with Patricia and Zbig.

March 6. Beshara Doumani and Charles Wilkins lecture on their research.

March 7. Braving a snow storm, H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad and Pierre pay a call on the Ambassador of Canada, H.E. Mr. Michel de Salaberry, to express appreciation for a recent donation of audio-visual equipment.

March 7. Paul Scham reports the copy machine isn't working. Patricia checks the machine and comments that it usually helps to turn it on.

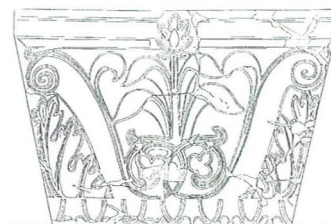
March 7. It's Zbig's birthday and Mohammed presents him with a whole pecan pie.

March 7. Pierre goes to the airport to pick up Malcolm Hughes and Ramzi Touchan of the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research (U. of Arizona). The three of them stay up til all hours 'talkin trees.'

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Other:

Scott Greenwood, Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellowship, State, Business, and Democratization in Egypt and Jordan

Happenings at ACOR

April 10. There is a small reception for residents and staff at the Bikais. Black tie is "optional."

April 12. The Bikais visit Zbig in Petra. They help him sort out a few snags in the project and deliver a pecan pie, courtesy of Mohammed.

April 13. The ACOR board meets in Providence.

April 14. There is a conference on Safaitic inscriptions at Yarmouk University. Pierre gives a paper on the inscriptions from the Byzantine church at Darat al-Funun.

April 15. A lecture by Tom McClellan is scheduled at the last minute. The flyers are created in a rush and sent out announcing the topic as "A Royal Bomb in Syria," rather than "A Royal Tomb in Syria."

April 17. Pierre gives a tour of ACOR to a group from France. They buy four copies of *Mosaics* and a zillion Petra postcards (sales of which benefit the Russell trust).

April 18. Robert Mittelstaedt arrives to take over the front office while Dan is in the U.S.

April 19. Pierre gives a tour of Madaba to a group attending a conference at Al al-Bait University.

April 20. Peter Fischer gives a lecture entitled: Excavations at Tell Abu el-Kharaz 1989-95: An Overview.

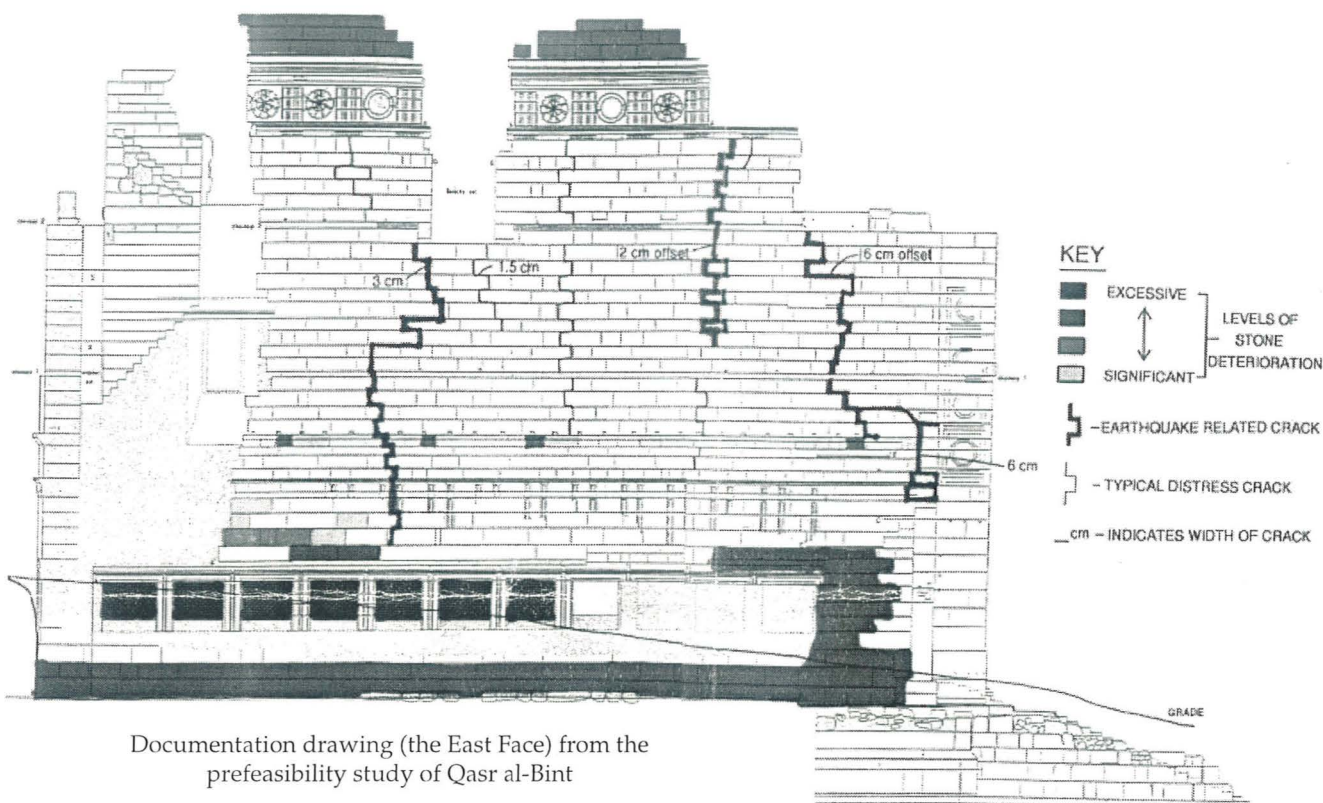
April 21. Our second application to NEH for matching funds for the endowment campaign goes off to the U.S. Cross your fingers!

April 24. Pierre goes off to give another tour of the Citadel and Madaba.

April 24. The new copy machine is installed. The old one trickles down to the front office.

April 24. Trude Dothan comes by to see ACOR.

April 26. Another quiet Friday morning: Pierre



is on project business in Madaba, having promised to be back in time for a tour of ACOR at 1 o'clock. The phones are going like crazy. Robert Mittelstaedt, after one week in the front office: "And you've done five years of this? Working here is worse than being in the army!" April 26. The tour group comes by and they go into a feeding frenzy over books and postcards. Pierre loses count of what he's sold and decides it doesn't matter as there is bound to be a profit somewhere.

April 27. Julie returns from Cyprus carrying a ton of new bedspreads for ACOR.

April 28. Eid al-Adha begins. ACOR is so quiet you can hear a pin drop.

April 28. The rivalry between the Petra Church and the Ridge Church continues. When Patricia says that a fragment of a huge alabaster she has is equivalent to the Petra Church's panther vase, Zbig doubles over in laughter. Later, when he sees the new inscription from the Ridge Church he admits that Patricia probably has found [a small part of] the largest Roman imperial inscription ever found in Petra: "The oldest, the biggest, and the best!"

April 29. With Mohammed off for the feast, Pierre digs out his California cuisine cookbooks and prepares lunch.

April 30. Tacos for lunch. In the evening Pierre lectures to a group of 42 from the Open

May 1. Another group comes by ACOR for a tour.

May 1. The pre-feasibility study of Qasr al-Bint arrives.

May 2. Gaetano Palumbo comes over for lunch. He's on a quick visit from the U.S.

May 3. Two tour groups—including one led by Joe Greene.

May 6. Steve and Cindy Infantino depart. They will be missed.

May 6. Kathy is tearing her hair out trying to accommodate everyone for the dig season. Everyone wants the theodolites at the same time. Kathy: "Can't they just point at things?"

May 7. Randy Old reports that Nisreen (who is in Texas for a training program) is doing fine, but she doesn't care for Mexican food!

May 7. In the evening, Ludwig and Margaret Koenen, Bob Daniel, and Bob Caldwell arrive to continue work on the scrolls.

May 8. Robert Mittelstaedt begins his photography class for Jordanian archaeology students.

May 10. Some of Tom Parker's Aila people are due in the evening. The season starts!

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Field Projects

Roman and Byzantine Aila (Aqaba), Tom Parker
South Temple, Petra, Martha Joukowsky

Wadi eth-Themed, Michèle Daviau

Um el-Jimal, Bert de Vries

Humeima, John Oleson

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Understanding of Death and the Afterlife

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Sherry Lowrance, East Bank Women's Organization under the Influence of Political Islam and Domestic Political Liberalization: competing or Complementary?

G. Wesley Burnett, A Photographic Site Situation Study of Jordanian Protected Areas

Ingrid Schneider, An Administrative Study of Jordanian Protected Areas

Happenings at ACOR

May 13. Pierre gives a tour of the Byzantine Church at Darat al-Funun to H.M. Queen Noor and H.M. Queen Sofia of Spain.

May 14. A consultant from the World Bank comes by to talk about the \$4 billion project to save the Dead Sea. Kathy: "What for? It's dead."

May 14. Two applications for fellowships for 1996-98 go off to the NMERTA program.

May 15. Robert Mittlestaedt's photography class continues.

May 15. An army of architects and designers from Chemonics descends on ACOR to discuss Petra, the Citadel and Madaba.



Patricia, Pierre and H.M. Queen Sofia

May 15. Sandra Scham lectures on "Cults and Cult Centers in the Chalcolithic: A New Look at Teleilat Ghassul."

May 16. Fellows Marjorie Kelley and David Priess arrive.

May 20. News flash from the Aqaba excavation: Area B supervisor Jeff Blakeley's crew found what was thought, based on the rapid movement away



Bob Mittlestaedt (center) and his students



Anat Scham in the ACOR swimming pool

from the object by the workers, to be an unexploded land mine. Peter Warnock suggested that they hit it with a shovel—if it didn't explode, not to worry. The authorities were called and didn't think it was a mine but they removed it away.

May 21. Nisreen reports that while she was in Texas she went "to the mall, to The Gab."

May 21. Patricia sends off another application for fellowship funds. That makes four grant applications in one month—requesting a total of \$574,392.

May 22. Carrie Nee arrives from the U.S. to see Jordan and ACOR for the first time.

May 24. Patricia, Pierre, and Carrie leave for Petra where they visit the Petra Church site—now looking quite different because of all of the stone that Zbig has moved.

May 25. Fellow Phillip Posey arrives with his wife Anne and daughter Dawn.

May 26. There is a birthday party for Anat Scham who is two. Paul makes the mistake of giving her a musical cake that plays "Happy Birthday" over and over and over and over ... Dawn Posey's rendition on the violin was much prettier!

May 29. Pierre spends the whole day attending site presentation meetings.



Carrie Nee on a camel at Petra

May 29. Martha Joukowsky arrives. Pierre is so exhausted that, for the first time ever, he sends out for pizza instead of cooking. Martha survives the pizza.

May 30. Now that Toni Ostrasz has begun the work on the Ayyubid tower, Pierre has temporarily given up going to Madaba and instead goes to the Citadel. May 30. Pierre gives the graduation speech for the American Center's English language program.

May 30. Mrs. Joan Shalikashvili, wife of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, tours ACOR.

May 30. The Bikais host a small reception to welcome Carrie and for the fellows—new and departing. Phillip Posey shows up in black tie (a milestone for ACOR). It turns out he and daughter Dawn are to perform with the orchestra at the Citadel concert.

May 31. After a tour of Jerash during which Pierre sings operatic arias for her and Mrs. Shalikashvili in the Roman theater, Carrie departs for the U.S.

June 1. Pierre gives a tour of the whole country to Don Saunders and his party. Don reciprocates with a generous donation to ACOR.

June 1. Fellow Sherry Lowrance arrives.

June 2. The newest popular attraction at ACOR is the fitness center, located in the subbasement hallway. At the moment it consists of a Nordic Track on loan from Dan—but, heh, we have to start somewhere!

June 7. H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad and the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, H.E. Dr. Saleh Ersheidat, visit ACOR.

June 8. Bert de Vries arrives to begin Um el-Jimal.

June 9. John Oleson arrives to begin Humeima.

June 10. Larry Herr arrives to begin Madaba Plains.

June 10. There is a line at Kathy's door. Everyone wants everything!

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Ain Ghazal, Gary Rollefson and Zeidan Kafafi

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Julie Hansen, The Archaeology of Plants: Palaeoethnobotany of the Mediterranean Basin

Beshara Doumani, Family and Society in Greater Syria: A History of the Merchant Families in Jerusalem and Nablus, 1750-1914

Robert W. Daniel, Editing of the Carbonized Papyrus Archive from Petra

Phillip C. Posey, Music and Art in Contemporary Middle Eastern Culture

Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Pre-Doctoral Fellows:

Jeffrey A. VanDenBerg, Research on the Foreign Policy-Making Process in Jordan

David M. Priess, Jordanian Alignment Decisions, 1971-91: The Role of Threat Perception in Foreign Policy

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Currently being restored: the Ayyubid Tower on the Citadel in Amman

Happenings at ACOR

June 11. While touring the Wadi eth-Themed area, H.R.H. Crown Prince Hassan encounters Michèle Daviau and her excavation group. He invites them for tea and, when they are ready to depart for ACOR, asks them to say hello to Pierre.

June 13. Members of the dig crews for Petra, Um el-Jimal, Humeima, and Wadi eth-Themed continue to stream into ACOR. Some of the planes are arriving hours and hours late, throwing everyone's schedules off.

June 13. A long article on Patricia's Ridge Church excavation at Petra appears in the Jordan Times.

June 14. John Oleson's crew packs up and moves out to Humeima.

June 14. Pierre leads the Friends of Archaeology tour to Qasr el-Bashir.

June 15. The garage looks like a staging area for a moon landing as Bert de Vries's group and Martha Joukowsky's group load up their trucks and head out to the field. They all get off on time—there is a lull for a few hours—then the rest of Michèle Daviau's Wadi eth-Themed crew arrives.

June 15. The Wadi eth-Themed group hosts a get-together on the balcony.

June 17. Fellows Wesley Burnett and Ingrid Schneider arrive.

June 17. Randy Old turns up hauling boxes of STUFF! Thank you, Randy.

June 19. Gary Rollefson turns up to begin 'Ain Ghazal.

June 20. Plans begin to go into high gear for a concert at Darat al-Funun to benefit the Russell

the scroll they adopted.

July 3. The heat is so bad that the Wadi eth-Themed group knocks off an hour early.

July 4. Tom Parker's Aqaba group comes in from the heat—their season is over.

July 4. Canadian Ambassador Michel de Salaberry comes by to join in the slightly-delayed Canada Day celebration (it was actually July 1)—hamburgers, country music and lots of Canadian flags. Some did note that it was also the 4th of July!

July 4. There is a formal reception at the U.S. Embassy. The music is by the chamber orchestra that ACOR fellow Phillip Posey is playing with, and ACOR's contribution to the event is recognized by the ambassador.

July 7. ACOR hosts a farewell for USAID Director Tom Oliver who is being posted to Washington, D.C.



On a recent trip to Petra, Dan Gamber noticed these mysterious designs on a hillside. Would the National Enquirer be interested?

July 7. 150 people attend Tom Parker's lecture on the Aqaba project.

July 7. Ludwig Koenen departs after having completed work on one of the longest of the Petra scrolls—*Papyrus Petra Khaled and Suha Shoman*. It will be published in a few months!

July 8. Toni Ostrasz continues the restoration of

the Ayyubid Tower—it is going well.

July 9. Fellow Sherry Lowrance returns from the 'quick and easy' ferry ride from Aqaba to Egypt—close to 24 hours in transit. She could have walked there faster than that!

July 9. Julie Hansen recounts the story of the mysterious coffee cup—the bottom fell off and inside were wires and batteries—turned out it was a musical coffee cup—not a bug.

July 10. The scroll team recall Bob Caldwell's effort to restore a completely new version of Homer's *Odyssey* from one word he found on a piece of the scrolls!

July 10. Rumor has it that out at Wadi eth-Themed, Michèle has found the tomb of a famous king or the scene of a famous battle or some other stuff (more likely it's some other stuff).

NOTE: The drawing of Qasr al-Bint in the May issue of the *Newzette* was by François Larche.

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Trust. The Posey family will be the star performers.

June 21. Bill Dever comes by to see what is actually happening at ACOR. He had said in a *BAR* article that there wasn't much. He spends a good part of the visit apologizing for being misinformed!

June 23. A whole mob of Madaba Plains Project people come by for a tour. There are so many of them that Patricia has to give three separate tours of the scroll project.

June 25. Art Joukowsky arrives.

June 25. Joe Seeger and Paul Jacobs arrive to begin ASOR's Committee on Archaeological Policy (CAP) tour.

June 28. The heat wave continues. Pierre is in Aqaba leading a Friends of Archaeology tour. No one is jealous.

June 28. It must be high season—the fax machine eats a whole roll of paper during the night.

June 28. Eric Myers brings a group from North Carolina by for a tour.

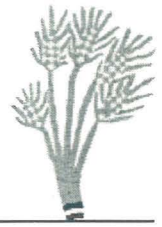
June 30. Kathy and Nisreen are awash in paper as they try to close out the fiscal year.

July 2. 106 pieces of mail come in for the various projects out in the field.

July 3. Tom and Francesca Bennett come by to visit

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July 13. Chrysanthos Kanellopoulos arrives to begin his study of the Roman Street at Petra.

July 14. Michèle Daviau and Andy Dearman lecture on Wadi eth-Themed and Tell Jawa.

July 15. The concert at Darat al-Funun, a benefit for the Kenneth W. Russell Trust, goes off beautifully.



On stage, center, Phillip Posey

The evening is balmy, the house full, and the music lovely. Following the concert, H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda give a dinner for the Joukowskys and the ACOR Board of Trustees.

July 17. Fellows David Priess and Jeff VanDenBerg with his wife Shelly depart in the middle of the night.

July 19. Fellow Phillip Posey and his family depart.

July 19. Fellow Zohara Simmons arrives.

July 21. The Bikais depart for Petra.

July 22. Zbig Fiema proudly shows off the newly

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Zbig Fiema at the baptistry of the Petra Church, the best preserved such installation in the region

cleared baptistry at the Petra Church. It is faced with marble and once had a canopy above it.

July 22. The South Temple at Petra is looking more and more like a temple as tons of sand and rock are moved.

July 23. The Wadi eth-Themed crew are looking a bit frayed around the edges as they work to finish up their season.

July 24. ACOR usually gives a small party for Michèle Daviau's group when their season ends—since they have been resident in ACOR for two months. This year's party is all organized when Pierre has the **bright idea** to invite **all** the ACOR-assisted expeditions in the country. The guest list suddenly swells to over 250 for a party three days hence.

July 25. John Oleson's bedraggled crew from Humeima comes in from the heat.

July 26. Bert de Vries' bedraggled crew comes in from the heat. The garage has Umm al-Jimal, Humeima, and Wadi eth-Themed vying for an inch of space.

July 27. The party is a great success, bringing together the dig teams from Wadi eth-Themed,



Humeima, Umm al-Jimal, Tell Madaba, 'Ain Ghazal, Madaba Plains, and Moab.

July 28. Ambassadors Ali Sarwar Naqvi of Pakistan, William Habib of Lebanon, and Mary Wickes of Australia come by for a tour and lunch.

July 28. John Oleson lectures on Roman Humeima.

July 28. Fellow Caroline (Molly) Davies arrives.

July 29. Pierre gives a tour of Madaba to Dr. and Mrs. Ernie Frerichs of the Dorot Foundation. They've just spent a few days with Arte and Martha at Petra.

July 29. Ingrid Schneider appears on the JTV news in connection with her study of the Jerash Festival.

July 30. The Wadi eth-Themed group departs for home.

July 30. Rob Shutler, architect of the Petra shelter, comes by to check on last minute details of that project.

July 30. Word comes that ACOR's application to NEH for fellowships has been partially funded.

July 30. Larry Geraty *et al.* lecture on the Madaba Plains Survey, 1996.

July 31. The rivalry between the Petra Church and the Ridge Church continues. Chrys has done a drawing of the Ridge Church. Zbig: "Well, at least the drawing makes it look like it's something!"

July 31. John Oleson departs.

Aug. 1. Fellows Julie Hansen and Beshara Doumani depart.

Aug. 1. Shishir Dutta arrives to help with the printing of *Madaba: Cultural Heritage*.

Aug. 4. There is a lecture by Bert de Vries: "1996 at Umm al-Jimal."

Aug. 6. ACOR Fellow Beshara Doumani is interviewed on Rami Khouri's JTV show "Encounters."

Aug. 7. Amin Kawar & Sons donated an air conditioner for Kathy's office. Today they make a huge racket installing it. Kathy is pleased.

Aug. 7. Word comes that NMERTA will not fund a continuation of the ASAIP program. You win some, you lose some.

Aug. 8. Marcelle Wahba of USIA comes by to chat with the fellows.

Aug. 8. Traianos Gagos claims to have found the name of another church in the scrolls. Bob Daniel, who has made 'corroborator' the equivalent of a Byzantine honorific, happily corroborates Traianos's information.

Aug. 9. Hershel Shanks (of BAR) comes by for lunch and a tour.

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Aug. 16. There is a dinner party on the balcony for the Joukowskys.

Aug. 17. We are down to two tables for lunch.

Aug. 18. Bob Daniel lectures on "Jig-saw Puzzles: the Petra Scrolls."

Aug. 20. The Joukowskys leave for the U.S.

Aug. 20. Toni Ostrasz finishes the restoration of the Ayyubid Tower on the Citadel.



The north side of the tower after restoration. The new stones are the same limestone as the ancient ones. They will weather from white to soft pink in about 10 years.



The west side of the tower after restoration



Martha Joukowsky with her just-a-little-bit-early -60th-birthday cake

Happenings at ACOR

Aug. 11. Gary Rollefson and Zeidan Kafafi lecture on "The 1996 Season at 'Ain Ghazal."

Aug. 14. Martha Joukowsky lectures on the Great Temple at Petra.

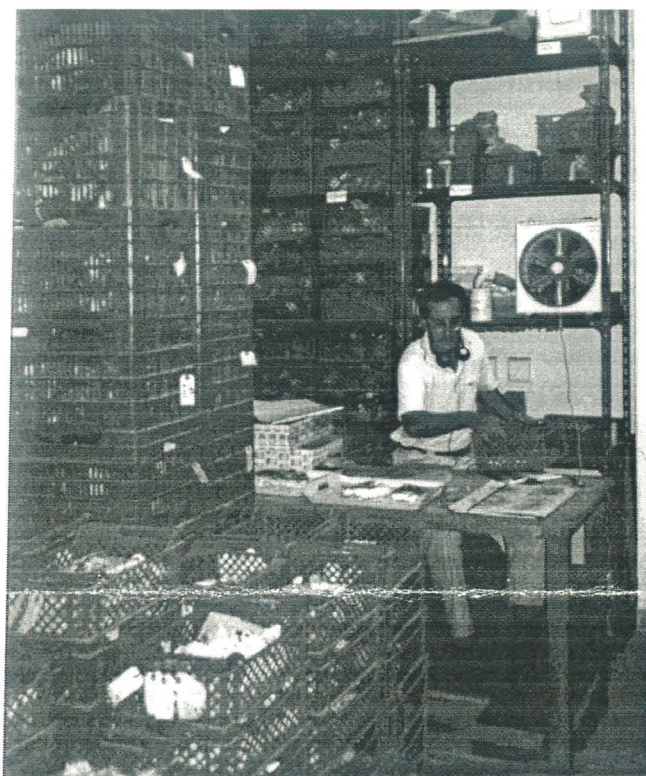
Aug. 15. Fellow Marjorie Kelly departs. Unfortunately, she has paid her bill. Kathy had hoped that she wouldn't—necessitating a trip by Kathy to Marjorie's home in Hawaii to collect!

Aug. 15. Pierre goes to Petra to meet with Chrys.

Aug. 21. Fellow Quintan Wiktorowicz arrives—without his luggage.

Aug. 23. Pierre departs for Aqaba and Petra with a group of visitors from Egypt.

Aug. 24. Dennine Dudley comes in from her season at Wadi Rum.



Tomasz Waliszewski in the Petra Church Project workroom

Aug. 25. Tomasz Waliszewski arrives to work on the documentation of the Petra Church.

Aug. 25. Quintan's luggage arrives—sort of. It's been thoroughly trashed and he will have to replace many of his belongings.

Aug. 29. Tim Harrison's Tell Madaba project shuts down. We get our first housing request for 1997—from Michele Daviau.

Aug. 29. Pierre leads a group of 80 from the Friends of Archaeology on a tour of Petra.

Sept. 2. The Bikais attend a going-away party for Canadian Ambassador Michel de Salaberry. He was a good friend to ACOR.

Sept. 3. Don Henry departs Jordan after a short visit.

Sept. 3. Most residents spend part of the day watching the news on CNN.

Sept. 5. Bob Daniel departs for a 2-month stay in Germany. He will return for further corroborations in December.

Sept. 6. All but one of the few residents remaining goes off for a tour of Um al-Rasas. It's VERY quiet.

Sept. 6. Abed and Pierre spend the afternoon repotting the house plants (yes, it's that quiet around ACOR!).

Sept. 9. Pierre again drives off the goats that have been attacking our trees.

Sept. 9. A large group from the YWCA comes by for a tour.

Sept. 9. Abed harvests the grapes from the vine planted last spring. There is enough for dessert after lunch—one grape apiece!

Sept. 9. Leen Fakhoury and Pierre review the bids for the construction of the shelter for the Burnt Palace area, Madaba.

Sept. 10. The Bikais visit Chrys' Roman Street project in Petra.



The Roman Street area at Petra

Sept. 10. In the evening, the last members of the Madaba Plains Borderlands Survey Project, part of the Madaba Plain Project, depart. The summer dig season, which began with the arrival of Tom Parker's Aqaba group on May 10, is over. It was fun!

Carrie Nee, U.S. Assistant Director, reports:

Thanks to arrangements made by ACOR Board President Artemis Joukowsky, the U.S. office moved to its new headquarters at Boston University in mid-July. Settling in at B.U. has been a rewarding experience. From the office I can see the Charles River and the daily practice sessions of the MIT sailing team. The terrific new space has already been the host to many curious visitors and I've become quite the furniture assembly person; ACOR now has a new desk and new bookcases and is well on its way to moving all previously-boxed files into beautiful file cabinets. The staff members of the B.U. Department of Archaeology and of the American Institute of Archaeology have made the transition from Baltimore to Boston an easy one—they have been extremely helpful and gracious. Boston is a great location and the people and surroundings are already making this a new era for ACOR U.S.

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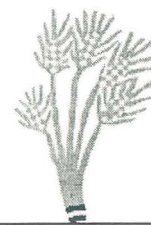
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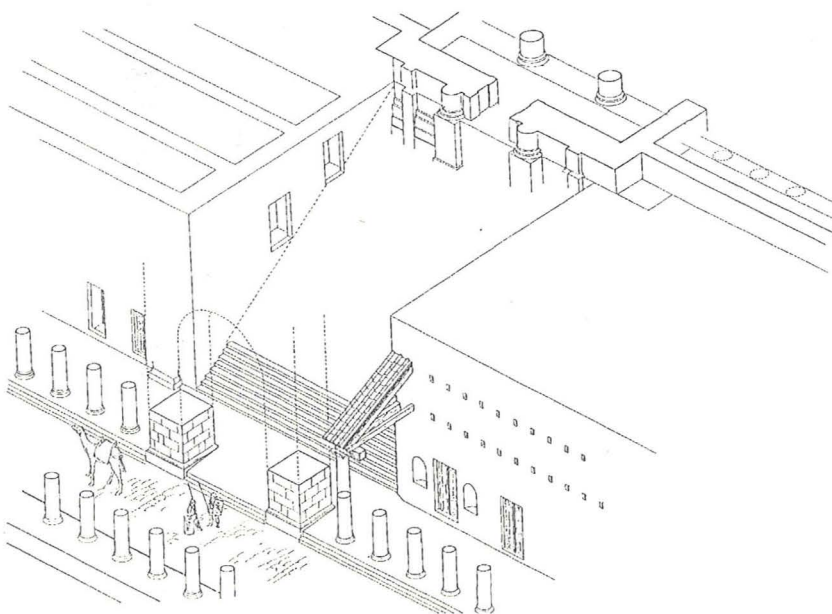
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Chrys Kanellopoulos's restoration drawing of part of the Roman Street at Petra

Petra, Roman Street Project, Chrysanthos Kanellopoulos, architect; Zbigniew T. Fiema, archaeologist

Antoni Ostrasz

It was with sadness that we learned on Oct. 10 of the death of Antoni Ostrasz at the age of 68. His work over many years at Jerash was a major contribution to the archaeology of Jordan. This last summer he was director of the ACOR project to restore the Ayyubid Tower on the Citadel. During that time he lived at ACOR and we all came to appreciate his careful scholarship, his elegant manners, and his enjoyment of what he was doing. He will be missed.

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Valentine Moghadam, Toward a New Gender Contract? Economic Liberalization and Women's Employment in Egypt, Jordan, and Turkey

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Sept. 12. Some of the residents check out a local Irish pub.

Sept. 13. We are down to one table for lunch.

Sept. 14. Shishir Dutta arrives to print *Madaba: Cultural Heritage*.

Sept. 14. Chrys Kanellopoulos returns from Petra where he has been working on the church and the Roman street.

Sept. 15. Gaetano Palumbo is here to set up the Wadi al-Yabis project. With Shishir, Chrys, and Gaetano around, it's like old times.

Sept. 15. Chrys presents a concept for the restoration and sheltering of the baptistry of the Petra Church.

Sept. 17. Chris Stone arrives to take up his ASAIP fellowship.

Sept. 18. Pierre goes to the airport to pick up the other two ASAIP fellows, Najib Hourani and Ghada Qaisi.

Sept. 19. Zahir Bacchus, an Arabic student, moves from ACOR to nearby student housing—and is back two hours later!

Sept. 19. Shishir reports that the printing of the Madaba book is finished and they are binding it.

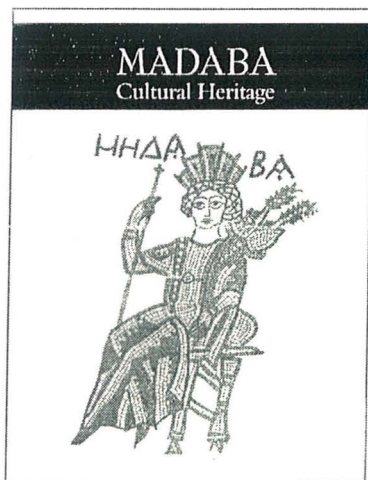
Sept. 19. Anthi Koutsoukou struggles with the final corrections for *The Great Temple of Amman: The ACOR Excavations*.

Sept. 22. Chrys and Anthi depart for Athens.

Sept. 22. There is an Arabic-only table at lunchtime. Zoharah struggles, but Patricia avoids it altogether.

Sept. 22. Shishir brings the first bound copy of *Madaba: Cultural Heritage*. He's done a wonderful job with it.

Sept. 25. Remember the Roman Empire TV show that Pierre and Zbig appeared in? The series won an Emmy!



The cover of the new book

its scholarly quality and important for its developmental and conservational relevance." Thank you, Rami.

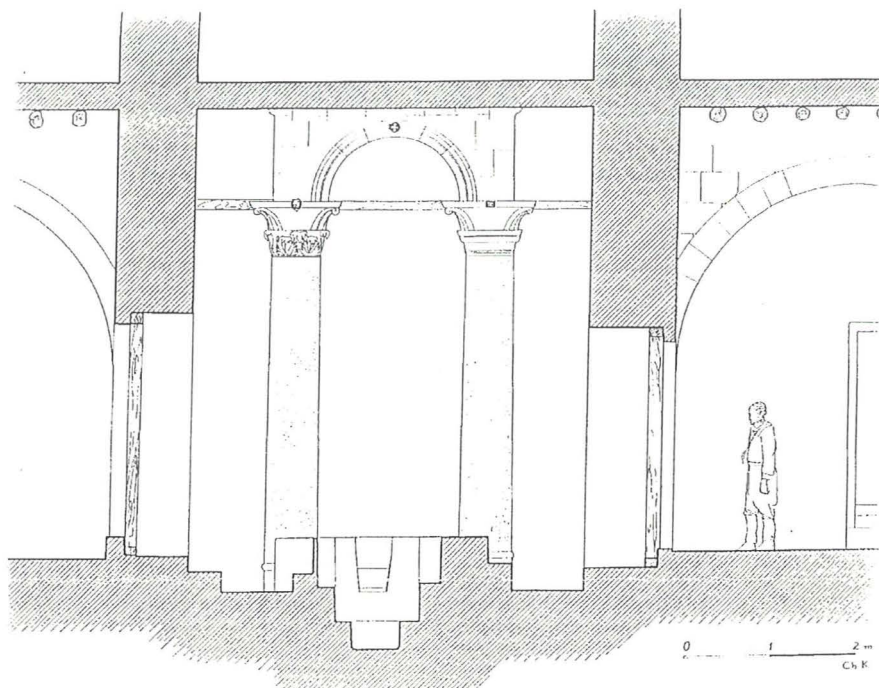
Sept. 25. Shishir and Anne Dutta depart in the evening.

Sept. 26. The stuffing of envelopes with newsletters and fellowship flyers continues.

Sept. 27. The Arabic speakers hold an 'all-Arabic' evening.

Sept. 25. There is a Newsletter-envelope-stuffing session after lunch.

Sept. 25. A review of the JADIS volume edited by Gaetano Palumbo appears in the Jordan Times. Rami Khouri writes: [the Department of Antiquities and ACOR] have combined yet again to produce work that is both impressive for



Cross-section through the baptistry complex at Petra by Chrys Kanellopoulos

Sept. 28. Fellow Sarah Harvey arrives.

Sept. 29. Annie Caubet, curator of antiquities for the Louvre, comes by for lunch and to use the library. After several hours there, she calls it a 'jewel.'

Sept. 30. Pierre presents a copy of *Madaba: Cultural Heritage* to the Madaba Society.

Oct. 2. Pierre and Patricia depart for Petra where they show the new Director of USAID, Lewis Lucke, the various projects.

Oct. 3. The auditors wrap up their annual stay at ACOR. They wind up the visit with a cash count. Kathy, as usual, has too much money!

Oct. 6. The Arabic version of *Madaba: Cultural Heritage* goes to press.

Oct. 7. Ambassador Kenton Keith of USIA and the new Cultural Attache in Amman, Susan Ziyadeh, come by for lunch.

Oct. 8. After lunch the residents pick olives. Kathy: "Not me—olives are only one step up from old rocks!"

Oct. 9. An earthquake shakes the building.

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Oct. 11. Pierre goes to the airport to pick up Wendel R. Wendel of Star*Net. They drive directly to Petra, discuss the actual construction of the shelter at the church site, and then drive back to Amman.

Oct. 11. Kathy departs for the U.S. to await the birth of her first grandchild.

Oct. 11. Meanwhile, in Amman, a large group from Cornell tours ACOR. Bob Mittelstaedt (who is back again to fill in while Kathy and the Bikais are in the U.S.) and Patricia try to keep order while selling books and postcards to the tourists.

Oct. 12. Nisreen checks the math from the sales yesterday. Nothing adds up—she is not pleased.

Oct. 12. Bob and Nisreen reorganize Kathy's office.

Oct. 13. Jaakko Frösén comes by with a group of 36 tourists from Finland. This time Nisreen says she will handle the sales. You guessed it: same mess!

Oct. 14. The first real rain of the season.

Oct. 14. Fellow William Mierse and wife Helen arrive.

Oct. 15. Peter Warnock arrives with 20 pounds of chocolate chips and brown sugar.

Oct. 16. Valentine Moghadam arrives. Zbig Fiema returns from a lecture/teaching stint in Europe.

Oct. 17. ACOR books and bowls are put away in favor of Pierre's new dry-goods display: Palestinian embroidered fabrics. The first night is nearly a sell-out and sets a new record for ACOR clothing sales.



Jack Lee, Zoharah Simmons, Mohammad Murshed, and Pierre picking olives in the ACOR garden

Oct. 18. The Bikais depart for the Ridge Church excavation in Petra.

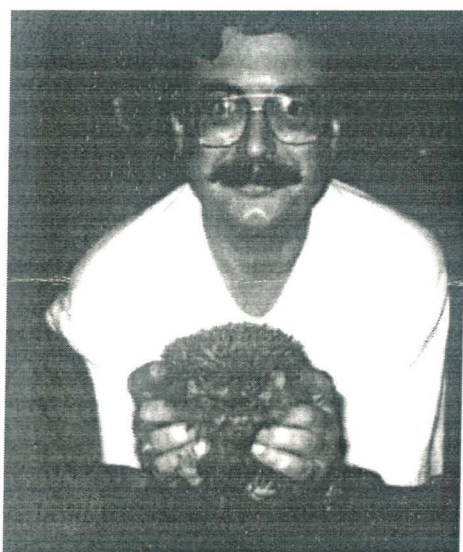
Oct. 19. Al Simmons arrives with his party, minus

one, who is holding the 10-pound bag of chocolate chips.

Oct. 20. Jaakko Frösén comes by with another group of tourists from Finland. They set a record for postcard sales in the frenzied rush before their bus leaves.

Oct. 21. Jack Lee gives a presentation on Lawrence of Arabia for the Friends of Archaeology.

Oct. 21. A local hedgehog (of the 4-legged variety)



Peter and the hedgehog.
(Peter's the one in the T-shirt.)

arrives at ACOR and is invited in for photographs.

Oct. 22. An uninvited guest (of the 2-legged variety) is found by Najib Hourani on the 2d floor and is escorted out the door.

Oct. 22. The missing 10-pound bag of chocolate

chips arrives with Jay Gervasoni. The chips are welcomed and Jay (also welcomed) is sent on to the excavation.

Oct. 23. A tour group from New York never arrives.

Oct. 25. The Bikais return from Petra. Patricia announces that she has found more pieces of the Ridge Church's equivalent of the Petra Church's elegant panther vase. Zbig: "Pitiful, just pitiful."



The newly uncovered entry to the Ridge Church

Oct. 28. Ramzi Touchan of the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, U. of Arizona, returns to continue the chain-saw project.

Oct. 29. A tour group from the San Francisco Museum of Art arrives (in case you haven't noticed, this is tour season). The usual chaos as to postcards and books ensues. "Kathy is going to kill us," has become a refrain.

Oct. 29. The Jordan Committee of the Board of Trustees meets at ACOR and afterwards there is a small reception so the board members can meet the resident fellows.

Oct. 30. Pierre gives a tour of ACOR to a group of 41 local students.

Oct. 30. 1500 copies of *Madaba: Cultural Heritage* are delivered to ACOR.

Oct. 30. A student new to e-mail attempts to send his professor's contribution to the *American Journal of Archaeology* Jordan Newsletter 21 times! Eleven attempts succeed.

Oct. 31. ACOR presents 200 copies of *Madaba: Cultural Heritage* to the Madaba Society.

Nov. 1. Fatma returns from the mosaics conference in Cyprus. Her new motto: "If you can't conserve it, don't dig it!"

Nov. 2. Bob and Patricia wrap up work on the application to the Canada Fund for support for library furniture. Pierre signs it.

Nov. 2. Bob continues the reorganization of Kathy's office. (Stay tuned.)

Nov. 2. A contingent from the Getty Conservation Institute arrives to advise the Department of Antiquities on the fresco uncovered at Abila last summer.

Nov. 2. Fellow Brian Daves arrives.

Nov. 3. Zbig equals his record (8) for pieces of pecan pie begged from other residents.

Nov. 3. The tree-ring party manages to get two chainsaws stuck in a tree. Peter Warnock pries them out.

Nov. 3. In view of the impending departure of the Bikais, everyone wants everything!

Nov. 5. The Bikais depart for the U.S.

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Projects

ACOR/USAID and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities:

Madaba Archaeological Park and Mosaics Shelters, Church of the Prophet Elias, Ammar Khammash, architect

Madaba Burnt Palace Area, Presentation Phase, Leen Fakhoury, architect

Petra Church Shelter and Conservation Project, Zbigniew T. Fiema, archaeologist; Robert Shutler, architect; and Star*Net, contractor

Petra, Roman Street Project, Chrysanthos Kanellopoulos, architect; Zbigniew T. Fiema, archaeologist

Fellows in Residence

Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Post-Doctoral Fellows:

Robert W. Daniel, Editing of the Carbonized Papyrus Archive from Petra

William Mierse, Comparative Study of the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Sanctuary Designs in the Levantine Region of the Eastern Mediterranean
Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Pre-Doctoral Fellows:

Quintan Wiktorowicz, The Role of Islamic Private Voluntary Associations in Democratization in Jordan

Sarah Harvey, The Impact of Environment and History on the Settlement Pattern of the Nabataeans in Southwestern Jordan and Negev

Bryan Daves, Coalitions and Economic Adjustment: Jordan and Morocco

Arabic Speaking Academic Immersion Program (ASAIP) Fellows:

Chris Stone, Najib Hourani, and Ghada Qaisi

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Nov. 5. Pierre and Patricia depart for the U.S.. There is a 90% decrease in phone calls.

Nov. 5. Word is received that Carrie Nee has decided to leave ACOR and move to NYC.

Nov. 7. Dan develops a new spreadsheet for room reservations. Initial entries indicate that there will be 5 to 9 children in the house between March and

May.

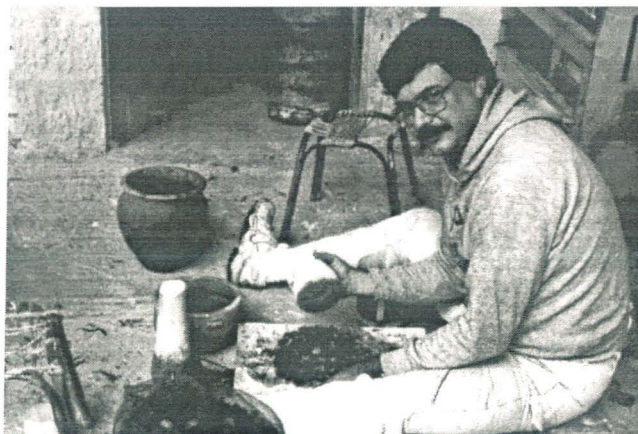
Nov. 7. Bob Daniel (a scroll person) arrives for more work on the scrolls.

Nov. 8. Al Simmons and crew rush through ACOR at the end of their successful excavation at Feinan.

Nov. 10. Don Keller is recruited to work in the Boston office.

Nov. 11. Residents request more Arabic food. One response: "What is cooked in Jordan by Jordanians is Arabic food, even if it looks like roast beef and mashed potatoes."

Nov. 14. An Arabic poetry reading and music session held in Apt. A and sponsored by Najib Hourani and Chris Stone is a success. Follow on sessions are considered.



Peter Warnock mashing olives.
Photo by Robert Mittelstaedt.

Nov. 14. Val Moghadam departs ACOR promising a book on women's rights for the library.

Nov. 15. Vicki and Caesar cook Oriental food, providing noodles and egg rolls for residents' luncheon. Residents like the change of pace from the usual Friday spaghetti lunch.

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• In late November, we learned that the
• National Endowment for the Humanities
• has granted ACOR a Challenge Grant for
• the endowment campaign. For every \$3
• ACOR can raise, NEH will give \$1—to a
• maximum of \$133,000. Now is the time to
• give! Donations should be accompanied
• by a letter specifying that the donation is
• in response to the NEH Challenge.
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Nov. 15. Zoharah Simmons departs.

Nov. 16. H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad visits the center so that when he arrives in New Orleans he can tell Pierre that the building is still standing.

Nov. 16. In the U.S., Kathy welcomes her first grandchild, Laith.

Nov. 17. Abed has the tables turned as he gets an English language lesson from Bob Daniel.

Nov. 17. Ramzi Touchon and his party of tree ring counters pack up the tree slabs and depart for the U.S., leaving the debris of numerous trees with missing three-inch slabs—suitable for firewood, but ACOR doesn't have a fireplace!

Nov. 18. Arabic lunch of Makloubah (a lamb and rice mixture) is a great hit. More Arabic food requested.

Nov. 20. Bill Mierse and his wife return from Syria and prepare to depart for Jerusalem. So much to see and so little time.

Nov. 22. In New Orleans, the ACOR Board of Trustees meets. Later, there is an ACOR reception.

Nov. 23. Acting on behalf of H.M. King Hussein, H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad presents a medal, the Order of the Star, to former ACOR director James Saur.

Nov. 24. Friday Vicki and Caesar cook Oriental again and the residents cook Indian and Indonesian food in the evening. Chef Zahir Bachus prepares naan and sweet potatoes and Chef Brian Daves prepares chicken curry salad. The rest support the effort by cleaning up the kitchen after the feast.

Nov. 25. Severe storms cause flash floods in Wadi Musa, killing three.

Nov. 26. Peter Warnock smashes olives by foot, wearing handmade wooden sandals (created by Abed). The results are not encouraging, but there is olive oil in the mess (somewhere).

Nov. 27. Most everyone goes to the U.S. embassy residence for a Thanksgiving reception.

Nov. 28. The annual ACOR Thanksgiving turkey dinner, prepared by Mohammed, Said, Abed, Vicki and Caesar, is delicious.

Nov. 28. Zbig Fiema and Bob Daniel conduct a tour in the morning for thirty middle schoolers. It's a success and the kids leave with an appreciation of archaeology and the Petra scrolls.

Nov. 29. Paul Scham plus 20 others arrive for a workshop on Jordanian-Israeli issues sponsored by the Truman Institute (Jerusalem).

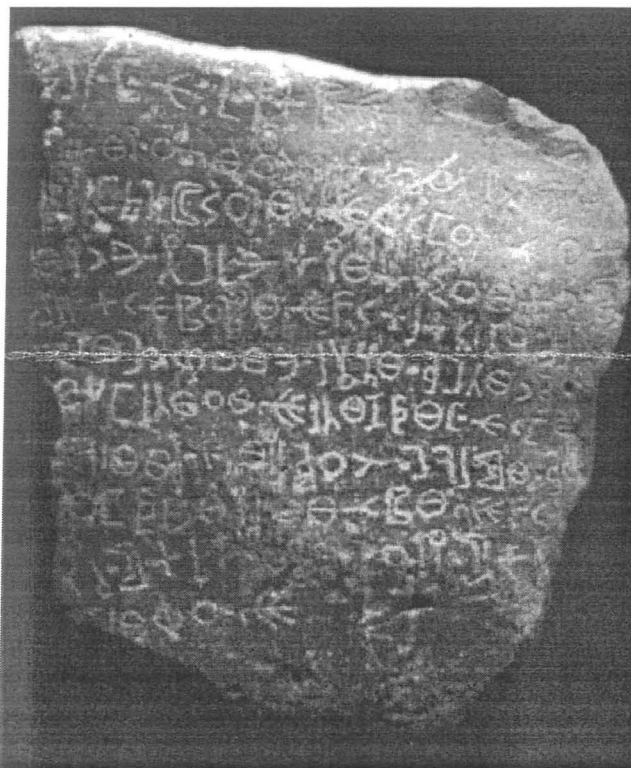
Dec. 1. Paul Scham and his group depart, expressing great pleasure with ACOR services.

Dec. 1. Peter Warnock receives word that his college alumni newsletter would like a copy of his obituary. Is coming to ACOR really death? Peter also roasts marshmallows on olive pits duplicating ancient and current olive pit disposal, while acquainting Sa'id, Abed and Zbig with the American treat,

toasted marshmallows. Sa'id, Abed and Zbig are not sure why Americans burn marshmallows.

Dec. 2. All the staff rush to prepare the final touches to ACOR before Kathy and the Bikais return. The residents are unaware of the pending change in the quiet nature of the center, occurring this evening.

Dec. 3. The Bikais & Kathy return to ACOR.



The new inscription from Madaba.
Photo by Robert Mittelstaedt.

Dec. 4. Pierre rushes out to Madaba to see what has happened during his absence. The project is going very well and, while clearing one of the cisterns, they found a HUGE Thamudic inscription.

Dec. 5. While discussing being a U.S. citizen resident in Jordan for 30 years, Kathy says that she feels she is a 'lazy-on' between the two countries [we think she means 'liaison' - ed.]

Dec. 6. Pierre leaves for Aqaba to meet the St. Olaf's College group.

Dec. 7. In the afternoon it pours rain, knocking out the phone and fax lines.

Dec. 8. In the evening Pierre and St. Olaf's group return. Patricia and Bob Daniel give them an ACOR/scroll tour.

Dec. 9. Pierre takes the St. Olaf's group to the north of the kingdom.

Dec. 10. Robert Middlestaedt is appointed the new assistant director for Amman.

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