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Masons cutting replacement drums for the canopy columns of the Petra Church baptistery

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Bruce Borthwick, Albion College, Policy Making in Jordan in Regard to Water

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The new computer area in the lower library

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ACOR-Assisted Projects

Ghwair in the Wadi Feinan, Alan Simmons, U. of Nevada/Las Vegas, and Mohammad Najjar, Dept. of Antiquities
South Araba Survey, Don Henry, U. of Tulsa

Petra Scrolls Project

U. of Michigan: Robert W. Daniel; U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Jaakko Frösén, Antti Arjava, Naarit Kaimio, Jorma Kaimio, Marjo Lehtinen, Mari Mikkola, Mari Mustonen, Tiina Rankinen, Manna Vesterinen, and Marja Vierros; Brigham Young U.: Steven Boraas, Gene Ware, and Omar Kamal

Happenings at ACOR

Dec. 15. A letter comes from Celeste Fulgham of USAID beginning, "Congratulations!" It goes on to say that ACOR has fulfilled the "Conditions Precedent" to actually receive the \$900,000 Petra endowment. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on it.

Dec. 22. There is a farewell luncheon for Sarah Musselman who has spent three months as a volunteer packing up all the finds from the Petra Church so that they can be turned over to the Department of Antiquities.

Dec. 23. In the early morning hours, Marjo Lehtinen arrives to begin the Finland season on the scrolls (for some reason the Finnish team likes to come down here during the winter).

Dec. 23. Pierre goes off to Yarmouk U. to give a lecture on the Thamudic inscriptions from Madaba.

Dec. 24. The house, now almost empty, smells like Christmas.

Dec. 25. Thirty participants, including H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda, sit down for the traditional



The Christmas brunch. That's Pierre in the Santa hat.

Christmas brunch in honor of the employees and their families. There are children everywhere!

Dec. 25. Immediately after the brunch, Pierre and Patricia depart for Petra to check on the progress of the Roman Street restoration and the cutting of stones for the Petra Church baptistery reconstruction.

Dec. 30. USAID calls—we've given them an invalid account number (short one digit) for the deposit of the \$900,000 endowment, but the accountants at USAID caught the mistake!

Dec. 31. The closeout of the books for 1997 shows there are enough funds in the new Bikai Fellowship Endowment to offer an award for 1998-99. Pierre is pleased.



Gene Ware (front) and Steven Boraas scanning scrolls

Dec. 31. Gene Ware, Steven Booras, and Omar Kamal from Brigham Young U. arrive to test a method for scanning the scrolls. Unfortunately, their luggage with all the scanning equipment is somewhere in the ether.

Jan. 1. By some miracle, the equipment appears and the group gets to work immediately. By late evening it is clear that the method will not only work but that it will be an unqualified success.

Jan. 3. The Jordan Committee of the ACOR Board of Trustees meets at ACOR. Among other topics, they discuss preparations for the anniversary celebration of the Lynch expedition on April 18. They also tour the scroll scanning project.

Jan. 3. The majority of the scroll team from Finland arrive for their season.

Jan. 5. Fellow Bruce Borthwick arrives at 2:30 AM. Someone has forgotten to put his room key out and he telephones the director's house for help. Patricia, having picked up a new expression from Joy Lucke over the holidays, says: "We live to serve!"

Jan. 5. Pierre and Dr. Ghazi Bisheh leave for Los Angeles to give lectures at a conference there and then in San Diego. Because of severe storms in Europe, it takes eight hours and an refueling stop to get as far as London.

Jan. 5. Janis Ware volunteers to straighten out ACOR's slide collection. Thank you, Janis!

Jan. 5. Trustee Don Henry arrives for his field season.

Jan. 5. Patricia orders a new computer with a "penitent chip" for Kathy. She is pleased.

Jan. 6. With Pierre, Humi, and Bob all in the Americas, Patricia is in charge. She immediately sets to work ordering satellite dishes and TVs for the hostel rooms so everyone can watch the football games, construction of indoor tennis courts to replace the library—as well as a swimming pool, jacuzzi, and nail salon in the sub-basement workrooms.

E-Mail exchange Jan. 5-7:

Jan. 5. Patricia thanks Don Keller for sending computer catalogues and reports that she has ordered a two computers by telephone that Pierre can bring back from Los Angeles with him.

Jan. 6. Don to Patricia: "I really don't think it appropriate that the Director of our institution should be asked to schlep around pounds and pounds of heavy computer equipment. Why not have all the equipment shipped directly to the Boston office and I can deal with "eventual" further shipment to Amman.

Jan. 7. Patricia responds to Don—taking it all very seriously—that it is quite true that THE DIRECTOR should not have to schlep around such heavy equipment but this is a cost saving effort.

Jan. 7.

From: acor@bu.edu (ACOR) [Don Keller]

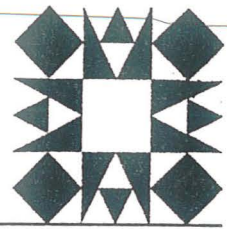
Subject: Re: schlepping

Patricia,

Rats, foiled again.

Don

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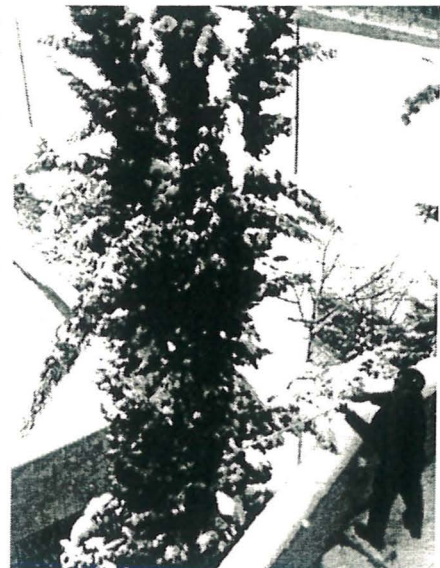
Jan. 15. At long last, the fellows have Internet access in the new computer area.

Jan. 9. In Los Angeles, the conference group tours the new Getty Center and has a meeting about conservation.

Jan. 10-11. Pierre and Dr. Ghazi Bisheh lecture in Los Angeles.

Jan. 11. Snow starts falling in the afternoon.

Jan. 12. Snowed in! Patricia panics at the thought of forcing the residents to eat her cooking. At the last minute Mohammed appears — having braved rain and snow and sleet, etc.,



Waleed Hazbun removing snow

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etc. Meanwhile the residents are volunteered to shake snow off the trees.

Jan. 14. Pierre and Dr. Ghazi move on to San Diego to lecture.

Jan. 15. Randy Old appears unexpectedly—just in time to see the installation of the nail salon!

Jan. 16. Another quiet Friday, so Patricia finishes the paperwork to close out both the NEH Endowment matching grant and the ASOR matching grant—both much earlier than expected due to the generosity of ACOR's friends. Pierre: "The first million is the hardest!"

Jan. 17. Pierre returns from the U.S.



Bob back in the office

Jan. 18. H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad takes four of the fellows and Pierre to Parliament to view the budget debate.

Jan. 18. Pierre and Patricia depart for Petra to meet another tour group.

Jan. 26. Bob returns from his trip to the U.S. and to Belgium to visit Dan and Nancy Gamber.

Jan. 29. Eid al-Fitr begins. With Mohammed off, Pierre does barbecue.

Jan. 31. Fellow

Patricia Carter begins this semester's fellows' presentations.

Jan. 31. Fellow Benjamin Saidel arrives very early in the morning.

Feb. 1. Pierre gives a tour of Madaba to the Jerusalem



Pierre, Steve Bonadies, Dr. Ghazi Bisheh, and Glenn Markoe bureau chief of *The New York Times*.

Feb. 2. The new cabinets for the scrolls are delivered. Abed is too busy with painting and repairing pipes to

install them.

Feb. 2. Fellow Patricia Carter departs.

Feb. 4. Fellow Najib Hourani arrives.

Feb. 4. Glenn Markoe and Stephen Bonadies of the Cincinnati Art Museum arrive to make more preparations for the Petra exhibit that will open at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Oct. 2000. After that it will probably go to the west coast, then to Canada and Europe.

Feb. 5. More discussions about the Petra exhibit. Many of the better discoveries from the Petra Church will be included.

Feb. 6. A nice quiet Friday. It is so quiet that it will be several days before anyone notices that the combined ACOR endowments have crossed the \$2 million mark. Yes, the USAID funds were deposited.



Pierre and H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad at the IUCN dinner

Feb. 7. Pierre and the Cincinnati contingent leave for Petra.

Feb. 8. 1500 copies of *Ancient Ammonites and Modern Arabs: 5000 in the Madaba Plains of Jordan* are delivered. More copies of the reprint of *The Mosaics of Jordan* also continue to come in.

Feb. 8. Vicki recovers Najib Hourani's passport from the laundry. It's nice and clean!

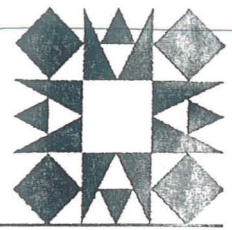
Feb. 9. Glenn Markoe goes through the wall mosaics from the Petra Church to see how they can be exhibited. Patricia thinks one of the large fragments shows a boat.

Feb. 9. This year's round of "repair the bad pipes" continues in the basement and on the hostel level.

Feb. 10. Now that everyone else has it, Omar Nimri sets up Kathy's computer so that she can have e-mail also. Now everyone will have direct access to the "mother of all knowledge."

Feb. 10. Pierre goes off to a dinner for the World Conservation Union (IUCN).

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Feb. 14. Charles Reineke presents his project.

Feb. 15. Bruce Ludwig arrives from Los Angeles.

Feb. 17. Pierre and Bruce depart for Petra.



Nazieh Fino, Marjo Lehtinen, and Fatma Marii installing the plates of scrolls in the new cabinets

Feb. 18. The Petra party hikes up to Jebel Haroun.

Feb. 18. Artist Ali Jabri comes by for lunch.

Feb. 18. Rami Khouri meets with the fellows and gives them a briefing on his view of the evolution of the modern Arab world.

Feb. 19. Fatma, Marjo and Nazieh install the scrolls in their new cabinets.

Feb. 21. Michelle Bonogofsky presents her project.

Feb. 21. The application for NMERTA Post-doctoral fellowships for 1998-99 and 1999-2000 goes off to the U.S.

Feb. 23. U.S. Ambassador Wesley Egan comes by to give the residents a briefing on the current situation.

Feb. 25. The first sample of the flooring for nave of the Petra Church is delivered.



The fellows meet at ACOR with Ambassador Egan (on the right).



Dr. Ghazi Bisheh relaxes after hiking up to Jebel Haroun

Feb. 26. The copy for the book on the Lynch expedition goes off to the U.A.E. to have the films made.

Feb. 26. The Bikais leave for Petra to meet another tour group.

Feb. 26. Late in the evening fellow, Joy Farmer arrives.

Feb. 28. Ed Harrell drops by.

Feb. 28. Fellow Michael Browers gives her Saturday report.

Feb. 5. Shishir Dutta arrives to print the Lynch expedition book.

March 9. Khaled Irani of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature drops off some lovely photos of the Dead Sea, for use in the Lynch exhibit in April.

March 10. Pierre and Zaki Ayoubi go off to the Toyota dealer again to look at cars. We inch closer to buying a replacement for the antique (1978) Mercedes.

Fellowship Study

Since 1991, ACOR has hosted 187 fellows, 54% male and 46% female. They came from 40 states:

21 fellows: CA

14 fellows: MI

12 fellows: MA

11 fellows: IL

9 fellows: NJ, VA, OH

8 fellows: NY

7 fellows: MN

6 fellows: NC

5 fellows: PA, TX,

UT

4 fellows: DC, MO, OR

3 fellows: OK, KY, AZ, HI, NM, WA

2 fellows: CT, MD, ME, IA, KS, WI, GA, SC, TN

1 fellow: NH, RI, VT, IN, AL, LA, AK, ID, ND

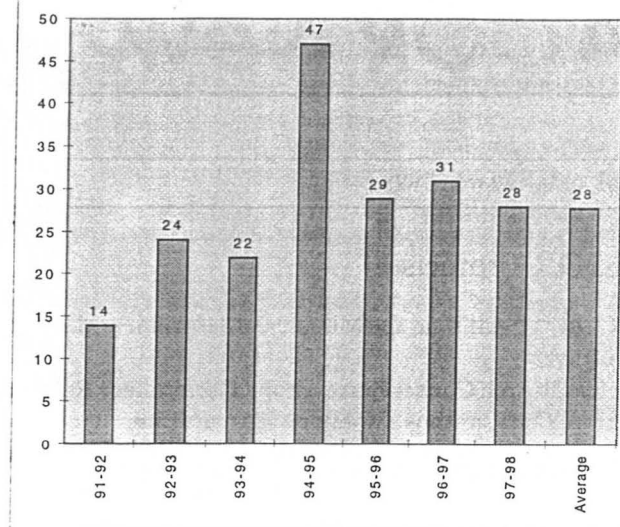
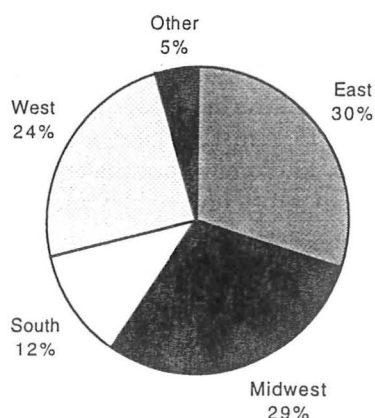
9 were from other countries.

No fellows: DE,

WV, NE, AR, FL, MS, CO, MT, SD, WY

Fields:

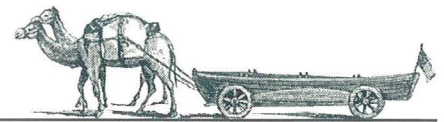
Political Science (34); Anthropology (23); Archaeology (22); History (20); Arabic Lang./Linguistics (17); M.E. Studies (8); Art History (6); M.E. Lang. and Lit. (6); Sociology (5); Architecture (4); Education (4); Fine Arts (4); Geology (4); Classics (3); Government (3); Intern. Relations (3); Philosophy (3); Religious Studies (3); Paleoethnobotany (3); Economics (2); Journalism (2);



Women's Studies (2); Tourism Studies (2); Conservation (1); Geography (1); Park/ Mgmt. (1); Urban Planning (1) **Universities:**

U. of Michigan (14); Georgetown U. (9); U. of Chicago (9); Harvard U. (6); Columbia U. (5); U. of Toronto (5); four each from Arizona State U.; Case Western Reserve U.; New York U.; Ohio State U.; U. of So. California; U. of Texas-Austin; U. of Victoria; three each from Brown U.; Princeton U.; U. of California, Los Angeles; U. of Utah; two each from: Albion College; American U.; Clemson U.; Drew U.; Duke U.; McGill U.; Old Dominion U.; U. of Arizona; U. of California, Berkeley; U. of California, Santa Barbara; U. of Durham; U. of Hawaii; U. of Missouri-Columbia; U. of New Mexico; U. of Pennsylvania; U. of Washington; Yarmouk U.; one each from: American U. Cairo; Asbury College; Auburn U.; Austin Peay St. U.; Baylor U.; Boston U.; California State U., Northridge; Catholic U.; College of Charleston; College of Lake County; Cornell U.; East Carolina U.; East Michigan U.; East Kentucky U.; Fordham U.; Fort Hays State U.; Golden Gate U.; Henry Ford and Washtenaw Community College; Hollins College; Illinois State U.; Indiana U.; Johns Hopkins U.; Kansas State U.; Lake Forest College; Leeward College; London U.; Loyola U.; Lubbock Christian U.; M.I.T.; McCormick Sem.; Michigan State U.; No. Carolina St. U.; N. Carolina St. U.; Northwestern U.; Notre Dame College of Ohio; Okla. School of Science & Math.; Oxford U.; Sam Houston State U.; San Francisco St. U.; St. Francis Xavier U.; State U. of New York, Stonybrook; State U. of New York, Buffalo; Temple U.; Texas A & M U.; The Highland View School; U. of Alaska- Anchorage; U. of Buffalo; U. of Cincinnati; U. of Jordan; U. of Köln; U. of Mass., Amherst; U. of Minnesota; U. of Paris; U. of Pittsburgh; U. of Tennessee; U. of Tulsa; U. of Vermont; U. of Virginia; United Nations U. (Finland); Utah State U.; Wayne State U.; Willamette U.; William Jewell Coll.; 2 were unaffiliated.

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March 17. The Bikais decamp for Petra for the 7th season at the Ridge Church.

March 18. Shishir Dutta, working as a volunteer at the Ridge Church, finds that he's digging right over a Nabataean tomb.

March 22. Fatma Marii is offered an internship at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Congratulations, Fatma!

March 22. At Petra a ten-line inscription in Greek is



The left side of the inscription found at the Ridge Church uncovered at the Ridge Church.

April 6. Humi Ayoubi and Pat Masri drag Patricia off to the doctor's. Good thing they did: her appendix is removed forthwith.

April 11. The invitations for the Lynch celebration are sent out.

April 12. Fatma is offered a US/ICOMOS internship! She's somewhat overwhelmed.

April 13. The Adawis take the day off - Abed is getting engaged!

April 13. This means that Pierre is cooking.

April 15. In the morning, Patricia gives a tour of ACOR to the Diplomatic Wives Club.

April 15. In the evening, Shishir delivers the first few copies of Robert Rook's book on Lieutenant William Francis Lynch. A bit later Robert Rook arrives.

April 16. In the morning, Pierre and the Vice President of Hashemite University sign the Petra mapping agreement. This will be the first project using income from the Petra Endowment.

April 16. Pierre, Patricia, and Robert Rook go off to City Hall to check out the arrangements for Monday's lecture.

April 17. Early in the morning, audit and finance consultant Rex Rice arrives.

April 17. There is a reception for a group connected with Crow Canyon.

April 18. Pierre takes off for Petra to give a tour to the

Crow Canyon group.

April 19. First thing in the morning, Pierre telephones from the Petra Church. Yes! The mobile telephone network now extends into Petra basin.

April 19. The Springtime posters that will be sold to benefit the Russell Trust are delivered.



Robert Rook lecturing. The slide behind him shows Matthew Fontaine Maury, first director of the Naval Observatory and Lynch's mentor.

April 19. Everything goes into high gear for the Lynch celebration.

April 20. At noon there is a run-through at Amman's new City Hall. Just after 6 PM, with the guests in place, the ceremony begins. Later, at ACOR, there is dinner for 50 persons. Much later, the residents are still celebrating.

April 21. Shishir Dutta, who's been here for six weeks



Rear Admiral Charles W. Moore Jr. presents the plaque to H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad (Pierre in the center). It reads:

IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE UNITED STATES' EXPEDITION
TO EXPLORE THE DEAD SEA AND THE JORDAN RIVER
MARCH 29 TO JULY 30, 1848
LED BY
LIEUT. WILLIAM FRANCIS LYNCH, USN
THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION
TO DOCUMENT THE DEAD SEA AND
TRACE THE JORDAN RIVER TO ITS SOURCE

DEDICATED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND
THE AMERICAN CENTER OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH
ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY
LIEUT. LYNCH'S PARTY REACHED THE DEAD SEA
APRIL 18, 1998

A Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the

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Welcome

Dr. Pierre M. Bikai

The Lynch Expedition: An Assessment

Dr. Robert E. Rook

Remarks

H.E. Ambassador Wesley Egan

Presentation of Commemorative Plaque

Rear Admiral Charles W. Moore, Jr.

Concluding Remarks

H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad bin Zeid

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preparing the Lynch book, posters, postcards, and the newsletter, departs.

April 22. Robert Rook, who has been teaching his history classes in Kansas via the web, heads home to do it in person.

April 22. The designers for the signage for the Petra and Ridge Churches come by with further modifications.

April 23. Rex Rice departs after several days of assisting Patricia and Nisreen with the redesign of the budget process. It was so much fun!

April 24. Gary Rollefson directs a team of newsletter-envelope-stuffing-and-stamping volunteers

April 25. ACOR hosts a luncheon in honor of the Mayor of Amman, Dr. Mamdouh al-Abbadi. H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad and Pierre thank him for all of his assistance with the Lynch event.

April 25. Bob Daniel arrives. Over the next few days, he and Marjo definitively establish the text of Scroll 10-for the 89th time!

April 27. The Bikais head off to Beirut where Patricia will give a lecture at the AUB Museum.

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Nazieh Fino watches the floor being installed at the Petra Church

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Joy Farmer, UCLA, The Political Economy of Private Sector Growth in Jordan

Russell E. Lucas, Georgetown U., Opposition and the Politics of Institutional Reform in the

Arab Monarchies

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Jennifer C. Groot Fellows:

Robin Marie Armstrong, North Carolina State U., Roman Aqaba

Joseph Brett McClain, U. of Chicago, Tell Madaba

Warren J.L. Wood, Willamette U., Humeima

Harrell Family Fellow:

Campion R. Carruthers, U. of Victoria, Humeima

Kenneth W. Russell Fellow:

Linah Ababneh, Yarmouk U., A Survey of Wood Species Used in Antiquity in Jordan.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow:

Andrew Shryock, State U. of N.Y., Buffalo, The Politics of Hospitality in Tribal Jordan

US/ICOMOS Intern:

Susan B. Tillack, U. of Oregon, Petra Church Documentation Project

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Affiliated Field Projects

Roman and Byzantine Ayla (Aqaba), S. Thomas Parker, North Carolina State U.

Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project, Nancy Coinman, Iowa State U., and Deborah Olszewski, Bishop Museum, Hawaii

Petra: Great Temple, Martha Joukowsky, Brown U.

Khirbet Muday Nat'aliya, Bruce Routledge, U. of Pennsylvania

South Araba Survey, Don Henry, U. of Tulsa

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May 3. The photo editor and the director of Explorer's Hall at the National Geographic come by for a tour and to discuss the exhibit on Petra that will take place at NG in December.

May 5. Pierre departs at 5 AM to give a tour of Petra to a visitor from Washington, Brian Atwood, Director of USAID.

May 5. Pierre and Patricia go off to a dinner at Karen Asfour's in honor of the editor of National Geographic, Bill Allen, and Annie and Don Belt who are doing the Petra article for the December 1998 issue.

May 6. The signs for the Petra Church are finalized and planning begins for the grand opening, probably in July.

May 11. Randy Old comes by to look over the new budget presentation.

May 15. Pierre departs for Petra to attend a presentation by the German-sponsored stone conservation project.

May 17. A group who will be doing landscaping plans for Petra (including the area of the Petra Church) come by for a planning session. As they depart a contingent from the European Union arrives to discuss the issues involved in building shelters.

May 17. In the evening, a call comes in from the airport. One of Tom Parker's student is having passport/visa problems. ACOR rises to the occasion—all solved within an hour.

May 22. A tour group from AIA comes by.

May 23. There are two tour groups through ACOR. There goes another nice quiet Friday! One of the groups is led by Gerry Mattingly who brings 10 lbs. of chocolate chips. Thank you, Gerry—all such efforts are appreciated.

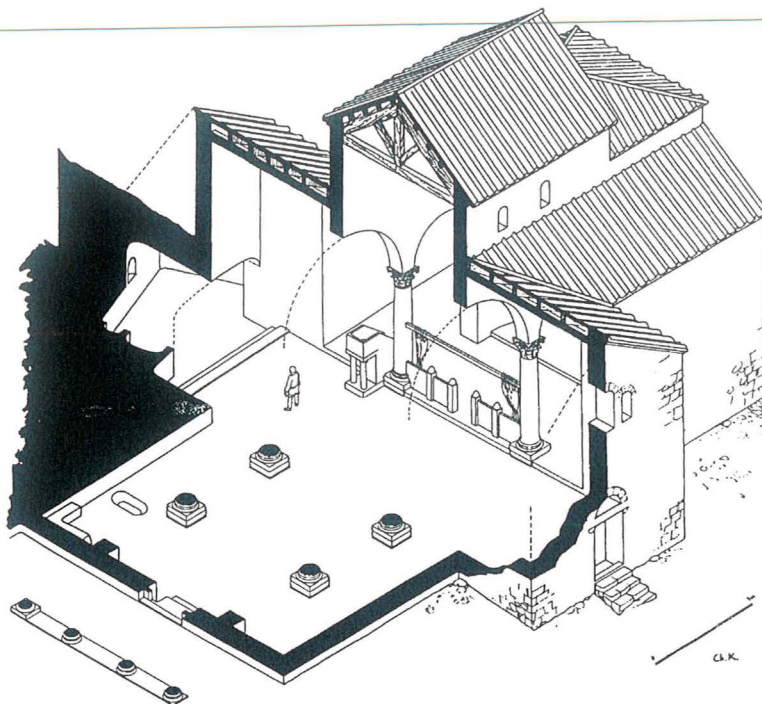
May 24. Pierre goes off to Petra again.

May 25. Editing of the final report on the Byzantine Church at Darat al-Funun goes into high gear. Even Patricia's mother is drafted into helping!

May 27. ACOR is all spruced up for a visit by some Washington dignitaries. A few hours before the visit, it is cancelled.

May 27. Late in the day, Pierre returns from Petra where he has been working on getting the church site ready for the official opening.

May 28. At the crack of dawn, Pierre leaves for another helicopter ride to Petra—this time with Newt Gingrich, Richard Gebhardt and a slew of



The Byzantine Church at Darat al-Funun, restoration drawing by Chrysanthos Kanellopoulos

other congressmen. That's his third trip in a week.



Pierre discusses something with Newt Gingrich. Khairieh Amr is at left.

May 31. In the evening, Arte Joukowsky arrives.

June 1. At the crack of dawn, the Joukowskys and Bikais depart for Lebanon.

June 9. Pierre makes another one day trip to Petra. All is going well.

June 10. Jim and Gail Cleveland from the

U.S. Embassy donate sports equipment, a VCR, and a TV—just in time for the World Cup!

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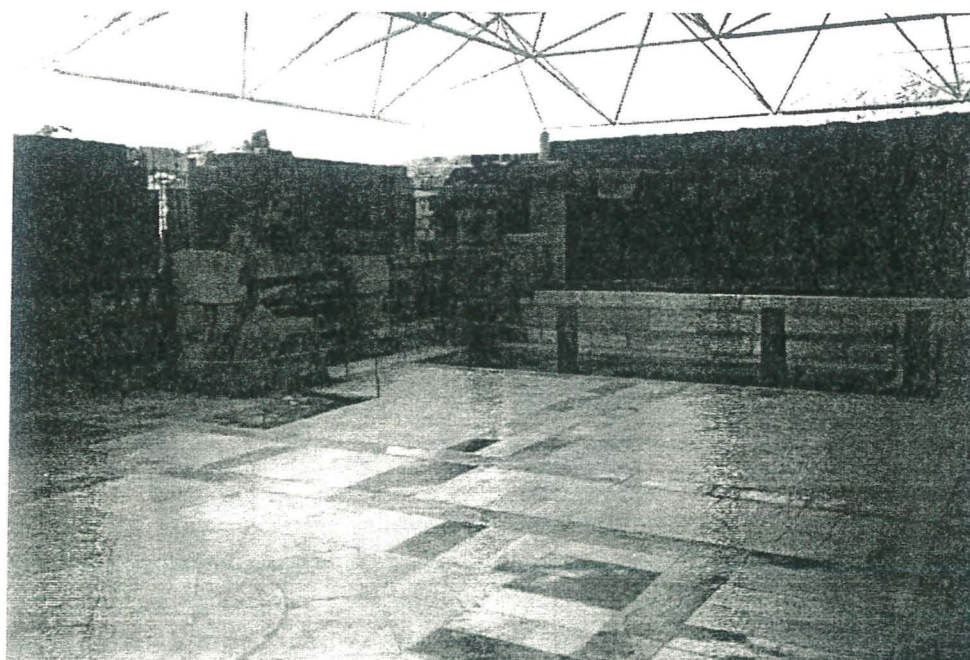
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The Petra Church with the restored steps and floor and the barriers between the columns. The wooden posts in front of the steps mark the slots for the chancel posts of the earlier phase

Ellen Lust-Okar, Rice U., *changing Parties: the Influence of Political Liberalization on the Formation, Strategies, and Activities of Jordan's Political Parties*

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Affiliated Fellows:

Michelle Bonogofsky, U. of California, Berkeley, *Human Relationships among the Neolithic Burials of Jordan*

Jennifer C. Groot Fellows:

Robin Marie Armstrong, North Carolina State U., *Roman Aqaba*
Joseph Brett McClain, U. of Chicago, *Tell Madaba*

Warren J.L. Wood, Willamette U., *Humeima*
Harrell Family Fellow:

Campion R. Carruthers, U. of Victoria, *Humeima*

Kenneth W. Russell Fellow:

Linah Ababneh, Yarmouk U., *A Survey of Wood Species Used in Antiquity in Jordan.*

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow:

Andrew Shryock, State U. of N.Y., Buffalo, *The Politics of Hospitality in Tribal Jordan*

US/ICOMOS Intern:

Susan B. Tillack, U. of Oregon, *Petra Church Documentation Project*

Petra Scrolls Project

U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Marjo Lehtinen

Affiliated Field Projects

Roman and Byzantine Ayla (Aqaba), S. Thomas Parker, North Carolina State U.

Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project, Nancy Coinman, Iowa State U., and Deborah Olszewski, Bishop Museum, Hawaii

Petra: Great Temple, Martha Joukowsky,

Fellows in Residence

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

Michel Reimer, American U. in Cairo, *History of Towns in Transjordan, 1920s to 1950s*

Robert E. Rook, Fort Hays State U., *Blueprints and Prophets: Americans and Water Resources Planning for the Jordan River Valley, 1848-1980*

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

Leigh Ann Bedal, U. of Pennsylvania, *Petra Lower Market Survey*

United States Information Agency Fellows:

Megan Perry, U. of New Mexico, *Bioarchaeology of Bir Madhkur*

Joy Farmer, UCLA, *The Political Economy of Private Sector Growth in Jordan*

Russell E. Lucas, Georgetown U., *Opposition and the Politics of Institutional Reform in the Arab Monarchies*

Brown U.
 Khirbet Muday Nat'aliya, Bruce Routledge, U. of Pennsylvania
 Humeima, John Oleson, U. of Victoria
 Tell Madaba, Tim Harrison, U. of Toronto
 Madaba Plains Project, Larry Geraty, La Sierra U.; Larry Herr, U. College of Canada; Sten LaBianca, Andrews U.; and Doug Clark, Walla Walla U.
 Khirbet Iskander, Jesse Long, Lubbock Christian U.
 Tell Safut, Don Wimmer, Seton Hall U.
 Wadi ath-Thamad, Michèle Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier U.
 Qastal, Erin Addison and Stefania Dodoni, Hollins College
 Um al-Jimal, Bert deVries, Calvin College
 'Ain Ghazal, Gary Rollefson, 'Ain Ghazal Research Institute, and Zeidan Kafafi, Yarmouk U.

Lectures

June 28. Traianos Gagos, Negotiating Money and Space in the Sixth Century Petra Papyri
 June 29. Erin Addison and Stefania Dodoni, Qastal: The Excavation
 June 30. Geoffrey Clark, Jordan in the Context of the Levantine Paleolithic
 June 30. Alan Simmons, Core and Periphery in the Neolithic
 July 1. Tom Paradise, The Science of Weathering in Petra
 July 6. Deborah Olszewski and Nancy Coinman, Wadi Hasa
 July 11. Tom Parker, Roman Aqaba Project

Happenings at ACOR

June 14. At the crack of dawn, Don Henry and Pierre go off to the airport to fly to Copenhagen for the Jordan conference.
 June 14. A group of 25 landscape architecture interns who will be working in Petra come by ACOR for a tour and lunch.
 June 16. Marjo Lehtinen returns from a quick trip to Finland. She went as an escort for a scroll going on exhibit. She returns with chocolates!
 June 16. A group from the Ecole Biblique comes by to see the scrolls.
 June 16. Andrea Atalla drops by to pick up the materials for the final publication of the Byzantine church at Darat al-Funun.
 June 19. The whole world descends on ACOR and everyone wants everything and they want it NOW!

June 20. Pierre returns from Copenhagen and reports that the conference was a great success.
 June 21. The Bikais depart for Petra to set up for the opening of the Petra Church.

June 22. Pierre gives a site tour of Petra to the landscape architects.

June 23. We reach the middle of a round of parties for departing U.S. Ambassador Wesley Egan and his wife, Virginia.

June 30. There is a celebration at ACOR: Canada Day and an early 4th of July. First, the Canadians are thanked for the library furniture. Pierre:

On behalf of the American Center of Oriental Research, I thank the Embassy of Canada, the Canada Fund, and particularly Ambassador Molloy and Daniel Joly for



Daniel Joly, Pierre, and Ambassador Mike Molloy

their generous contribution of this furniture. Years ago, when this building was built, they provided the furniture in the upper library. As it happened, just when ACOR desperately needed furniture for this room, the Canada Fund was supporting a project to train young people in furniture making. It was, as they said, a win-win situation. We thank them for their generosity that has greatly expanded our ability to serve our researchers.

Next, a farewell for the Egons. Pierre says:

Four and one half years ago, the Egons arrived in Jordan. By chance, I was the first person outside of the U.S. Embassy to meet Wes. Since then, he and Virginia have become members of the ACOR family. They have helped us through difficult times and enjoyed the good times with us. Virginia is co-editor of the Jordan Newsletter that appears each year in the *American Journal of Archaeology*, and she served as Patricia's assistant director and master organizer at the Ridge Church Project in Petra. Besides



Virginia Egan, Wes Egan, and Traianos Gagos with the newly named scroll

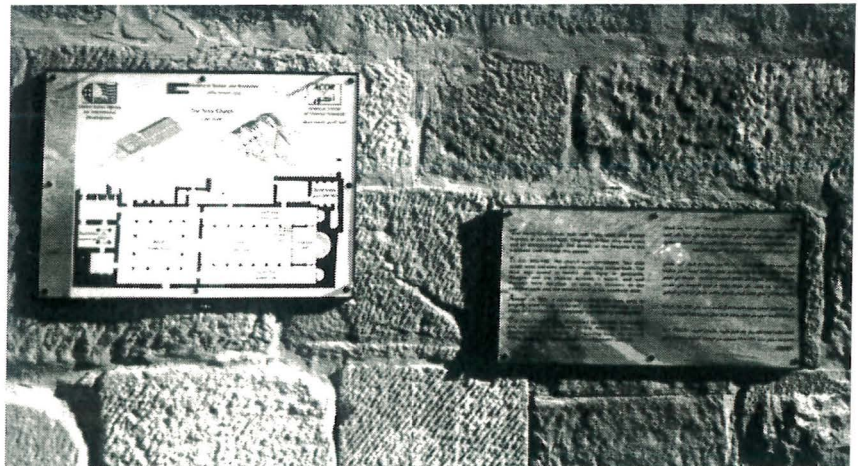
helping ACOR as an institution in many ways, including his support for the USAID grant to ACOR of \$900,000 for work at Petra, Ambassador Egan has gone out of his way to help our scholars and students and he also excavated at Petra with us. This is scroll 63/65, a University of Michigan scroll. The text concerns a transfer of property as part of a marriage agreement. The total property is described as being worth about 3 kilos of gold. We wish we could

Then Mohammed served hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings. Pierre:

The final ceremony today concerns the basics. Today marks the end of Mohammed Adawi's 30th year with ACOR. He was the first employee of the institution. By our estimate, during those 30 years, he has served over 100,000 good meals. Those involved some 8,000 chickens and at least 300,000 chocolate chips. But Mohammed has been more than ACOR's master chef. He has counseled the ten directors of ACOR and the 200 plus fellowship holders and the thousands of others who have stayed here. We thank him for 30 years of loyal service to ACOR.

July 2. At Petra, the Bikais and Nazeh Fino restore some capitals, give interviews to the U. of North Carolina film crew, and then hang all the signs for the Petra Church.

July 4. Lead story in the *Jordan Times*: Tom Parker announces that he thinks he has uncov-



Signs at the Petra Church

ered the oldest church in the world at Aqaba! July 5. At Petra, officials from H.M. Queen Noor's office check the arrangements for the opening of the church.

July 5. In the evening, Pierre goes to the airport to pick up Ken Russell's family and friends who have come from the U.S. for the opening.

July 7. By evening, most of the ACOR staff is in Petra and everything is ready.

July 8, 4 AM. Sa'id departs Amman with the chairs, podium, refreshments, etc.

July 8, 11:30 AM. Her Majesty's helicopter lands and she drives herself to the site. After she cuts the ribbon, there are remarks by Arte Joukowsky, Prince Ra'ad, Ambassador Egan, and the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, H.E. Mr. Akel Biltaji. Pierre then gives the



Pierre presents Mohammed with a watch while Sa'id and Abed look on

give you the gold, but the best we can do is to name this scroll *Papyrus Petra Wesley Egan and Virginia Egan*.



The western area of the Petra Church

group a tour of the church and they head for the Ridge Church. Finally, they all walk to Brown University's Great Temple excavation where Martha Joukowsky leads a tour. After Her Majesty's departure, the guests have lunch at the Mövenpick.

July 8. Meanwhile, the discovery of the church in Aqaba is on CNN, NPR, EuroNews, NBC,

etc., etc., etc.

July 11. A half-page spread on the Petra Church appears in the *Jordan Times*.

July 11. The evening's lecture by Tom Parker is packed and the press is there to hear about the "oldest church in the world."



H.R.H. Prince Raad bin Zeid addresses the guests



H.M. Queen Noor cuts the ribbon



Patricia and Pierre clap as Her Majesty enters the church.
It's finally open!

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Fellow Leigh Ann Bedal with Mohammed Adawi's grandson Omar

The Jafr Basin Archaeological Project, Phase II
Mohammed M. Hafez, London School of Economics and Political Science, Islam: Explaining the Sources of Accommodation

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Bawwab al-Ghazal (Azraq), Gary Rollefson, 'Ain Ghazal Research Institute, Leslie Quintero and Phillip Wilke, U. of California, Riverside

Lehun, Denyse Homès-Fredericq, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels

Lectures

July 14. Carlos Cordova, Geoarchaeology of the Alluvial Deposits in the Wadi Themed

July 18. Don Wimmer, Tell Safut

July 19. Jerry Rose and Mohammad al-Najar, Tombs and Bones, Byzantine Excavations

July 22. Tim Harrison, Tell Madaba Excavations

July 25. Jack Lee, Cave Living with the Bedouin in Wadi Rum

July 28. Michèle Daviau and Chris Foley, Survey and

Excavation of Wadi Themed

Aug. 3. Larry Geraty, Sten LaBianca, Larry Herr, Madaba Plains Project Update

Aug. 4. Harold Mare, Abila

Aug. 7. John Oleson, Humeima

Aug. 10. Martha Joukowsky, Petra: the Great Temple

Aug. 22. Leslie Quintero, Gary Rollefson, Phillip Wilke, Neolithic Use of the Desert Margins: Bawwab al Ghazal

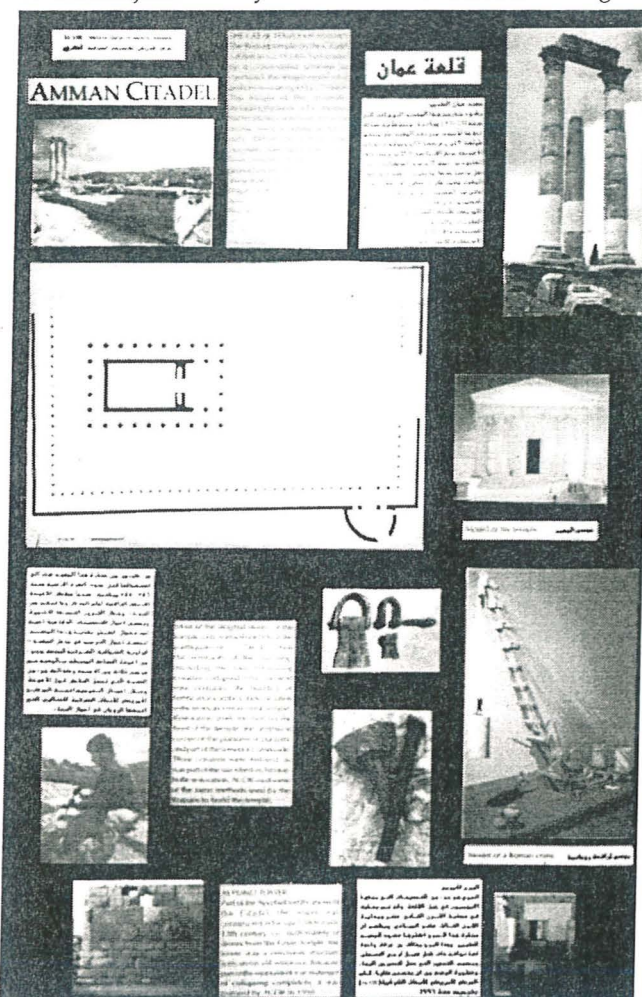
Happenings at ACOR

July 17. We expect water to come in from the mains today, but nothing happens. It seems that many parts of west Amman have no water.

July 18. There begins a series of deliveries by water tankers.

July 30. There is a party on the balcony for all ACOR residents.

July 31. At Hesban, there is an event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the beginning of that excavation. H.R.H. Prince Raad, H.E. the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Akel Biltaji and many others attend. Pierre is among the



The Amman section of the new ACOR exhibit panels



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Benjamin J. Dolinka, North Carolina State U., History of Aila (Aqaba) during the Early Roman Period: Ceramic Evidence

United States Information Agency Fellow:

Mohammed M. Hafez, London School of Economics and Political Science, Islam: Explaining the Sources of Accommodation

Kress Fellow:

Ellen Kenney, Institute of Fine Arts, New York U., Power and Patronage in Mamluk Bilad al-Sham: The Architecture and Urban Works of Governor Tankiz (1313-40)

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Lehun, Denyse Homès-Fredericq, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels

Medieval Petra, Guido Vannini, U. of Florence

Happenings at ACOR

Sept. 13. There is a send-off luncheon for Fatma Marii and for Bob Mittelstaedt at Romero's.

Sept. 14. The new U.S. ambassador, William Burns and his wife, Ms. Lisa Carty, tour ACOR.

Sept. 15. There is a meeting of the staff of the Ridge Church Project at which it is decided to finish excavating the Nabataean tomb ASAP. There begins a flurry of preparation.

Sept. 17. Pierre makes a run to Petra.

Sept. 20. The director of the Radisson Hotel comes by for lunch. Immediately after, the Bikais depart for Petra.

Sept. 21. Excavation begins at the Ridge Church and is finished in four days.



ACOR's beautiful sifts at the Ridge Church

Sept. 22. The new fellowship advertising posters are delivered. Bob sets up a stuff-envelopes-and-lick-stamps operation in the dining room.

Sept. 28. Pierre lectures to a huge gathering at the Madaba Archaeological Park.

Sept. 29. Pierre cooks up a feast for a dinner for Bob Mittelstaedt. He departs on the 30th and ACOR thanks him for all of his efforts.

Oct. 5. Pierre and Patricia drive out to Hashemite University to see the first output of the new map of the Petra city center. It is beautiful and now we know where we are!

Oct. 6. The director of British Air in Jordan comes by. Pierre negotiates.

Oct. 6. Pierre attends a meeting for USAID contractors at the Marriott.

Oct. 7. The display panels for Jordan Cultural Heritage Week go off to City Hall.

Oct. 9. Pierre meets an Australian Studying Abroad group at Jerash and takes them up and down the country over the next three days.

Oct. 20. The scroll scanners from Brigham Young arrive.

Oct. 21. The new U.S. Ambassador, William Burns and his wife, Ms. Lisa Carty, host a reception at their residence for the ACOR trustees, staff and residents.

Oct. 27. The films for *ACOR Newsletter* 10.2 come back from the Emirates.

Oct. 27. Sharon Herbert of the U. of Michigan comes by with a group for a tour of ACOR.

Oct. 29. Dr. Jessica Easton, who has been here for two months helping the Al-Hussein Society for the Physically Disabled, leaves for the U.S.

Oct. 28. Pierre and Patricia take off for Petra for

a TCS tour. TCS is the group that flies around the world in a chartered jet. With them this time is the mayor of Beverly Hills who invites the Bikais to lecture in Beverly Hills for their Year 2000 event.

Nov. 2. After much fiddling with software, the scanning project is really rolling. Gene and Steve devise a "thermometer" to mark progress on the scanning of the 300+ plates. If they spend day and night and take shifts at lunchtime, they might finish by the end of the year!

Nov. 2. Meanwhile, the whole sub-basement is wall-to-wall Nabataean pottery from the Ridge Project. Patricia: "I may finish by the end of NEXT year!"

Nov. 2. Pierre returns from a one-day run to Petra where they've pulled 35 column drums from the cistern in the Petra Church atrium.

Nov. 2. An e-mail comes in Martha Joukowsky about a National Geographic film crew who want help setting up another film about Petra. Pierre: "We can do that!"

Nov. 2. An e-mail comes in from the BBC. They want a to re-create the building of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon for a film. Pierre: "Yeah, we can do that too!"

Nov. 2. The draft audit appears and everyone goes back to reality.

Nov. 4. The whole staff gathers around the office computer to see ACOR's new web site: www.bu.edu/acor. Thank you to Robert Mittelstaedt who worked very hard on the project and continues to work on it from Ohio.

Nov. 4. Danie Nortje, scouting for the National Geographic film, spends part of the day at ACOR.

Nov. 5. Ambassador Christopher Ross visits ACOR, and the Pierre shows him the Citadel.

Nov. 6. The Bikais depart for the U.S. Megan Perry becomes Acting Director.

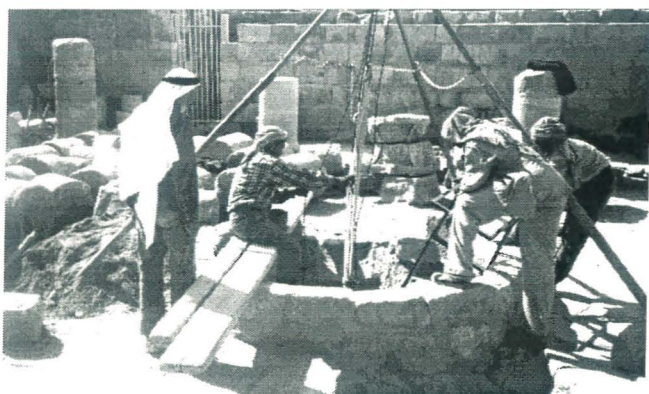
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The clearing of the cistern at Petra

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Alexandra Retzleff, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, *Roman Theaters*

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Happenings at ACOR

Nov. 14. With the Iraq crisis averted, Acting Director Megan Perry breathes a sigh of relief.

Nov. 14. Fellow Alexandra Retzleff arrives.

Nov. 17. Abed and Hani paint the hallways.

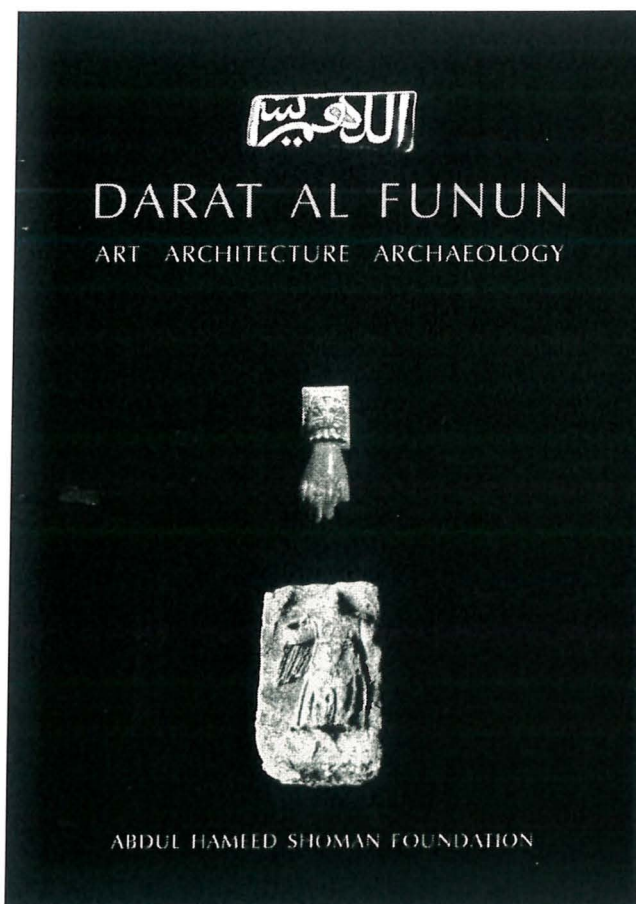
Nov. 20. In Orlando, the ACOR Board of Trustees meets.

Nov. 21. ACOR holds a reception in Orlando.

Nov. 21. Jesse Easton sends a box of cookies for all of ACOR to enjoy.

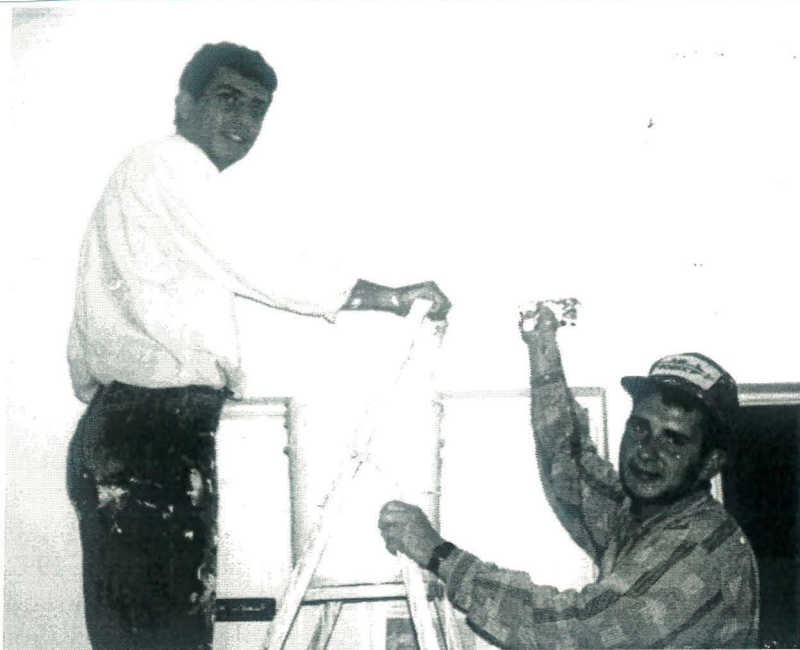
Nov. 22. In Florida, Pierre and Patricia have dinner with George and Barbara Donovan. In 1992, George advised on ACOR's hostel operation and, among other things, redesigned the reservation system.

Nov. 24. Megan represents ACOR at the Darat al-Funun anniversary celebration at which the new book *Darat al-Funun: Art, Architecture, Archaeology*



is introduced. Pierre's and May Sha'er's final report on the excavation of the Byzantine church is the archaeology section of this beautifully produced book.

Nov. 26. It is a very quiet Thanksgiving since Mohammed has decided to wait for the return of



Abed and Hani painting

Thank you both so much. I cannot tell you how honored I am to have experienced a little bit of your magical archaeological life here. ACOR is a wonderful organization. I will never forget this place + all of your hospitality. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Elizabeth Nails

Thank you so very much for your hospitality and wonderful teaching - an unforgettable treat - love you!!!

Thank you very much for all of the time, energy and hospitality you have given. It was very appreciated. Susannah Torseth

Michelle & Tricia, Thank you for making my stay here in Jordan so perfect. ACOR felt like the aroma of coffee & homemade food, & the sights we saw were amazing! One peak into the life of an archaeologist was especially interesting. Thank you for being so welcoming & for making our stay here in Jordan so unique! Please PS. And fabulous sandwiches, thank you!

Thank you for making our stay in Jordan memorable. From your all too real interpretation of Jesse, the wrestler / governor of Minnesota, to our tours of the ACOR sites everything was great. Amanda Olson

Thank you for a wonderful stay at ACOR and for the great tours of the ACOR sites. Erick Rowland

Thank you both for taking your valuable time to host us at ACOR. I am amazed at the things we've been able to see! All your work and knowledge have enriched our experiences here in Jordan. Thank you! Michelle

Thank you so much for taking such good care of us. Everything was wonderful. Thanks for setting everything up for our visit. John Toney

Your generosity & wisdom seems to be endless. Thank you so much for sharing your knowledge & your time with us. These experiences in Jordan I will always remember fondly. Thank you again!

-Meredith Kimmelle

Thank your food is us!! Very a lot a archae profess Congrat

Thank so much for everything you both have done for us. I have truly enjoyed my time here in Jordan. Matthew Q Gunder

Thank you for sharing your time & knowledge and having us at ACOR in Jordan. Jordan was wonderful! Ted Minnema

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-Meredith Kimmelle

Nov. 29. Everyone agrees that Thanksgiving dinner was worth waiting for!

Dec. 1. In the sub-basement, Gene Ware and Steve Booras slave away scanning the scrolls. They are now taking shifts so that they can work 22 hours a day. They even take shifts for lunch. However, it appears that they will be able to finish the job a bit early.

Dec. 5. Pierre departs for Aqaba to meet another group from St. Olaf's College.

Dec. 5. One of the Peter Principles kicks in: a job will expand to fit the time you have in which to do it. Marjo Lehtinen keeps coming up with more scrolls for Gene and Steve to scan.

Dec. 6. The St. Olaf's group tours Petra.

Dec. 7. The 26 students descend on ACOR. Among the group is, by great good chance, Angela Hendrickson, the niece of Jennifer Groot.

Dec. 8. Patricia meets with a group from National Geographic who are doing an article on rock climbing in Wadi Rum and Petra. Patricia shares all of her rock climbing experience with them (this takes about 4 seconds). As they depart, a delegation from the Palestine National Authority arrives to discuss cultural resources management and JADIS.

Dec. 9. In Washington, the exhibit on Petra opens at Explorers Hall, National Geographic.

Dec. 10. The St. Olaf's students depart and quiet reigns. They leave a thank-you card that is so nice part of it is reproduced here.

Dec. 11. There is nice coverage of the National Geographic exhibit on Jordan Television. The panther vase (the logo this month) is featured. Pierre is happy to see that it is safe!

Dec. 12. In the sub-basement, Gene and Steve are still at it—on what is supposed to be their last day of alternating 12-hour shifts. ACOR thanks them and Marjo for their wonderful and very hard work.

Part of the thank-you card from the St. Olaf's students

the Bikais to cook the dinner.

Nov. 28. Ben Dolinka gives a presentation of his project.

Nov. 28. The Bikais return carrying new frying pans for Mohammed.

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