with engaging a design consultant “to give a similar look and feel to all of our galleries” and with saving the institute $100,000 by suggesting that a wall to hold Assyrian reliefs be built in-house.

Emberling is also linking the museum more closely to the contemporary world. The final exhibit hall, on Nubia (today part of modern Egypt and Sudan), opens in February. Highlighting Nubia’s ties to African Americans, Emberling has secured a Joyce Foundation grant to help local schoolchildren visit the museum to make their own Nubian “artifacts” and learn to give tours to classmates and parents. “The idea is to make local kids feel some ownership of the museum,” he explains. “I’m very excited about it.”

In addition, he has booked rotating exhibits—a new concept for the OI—through 2009; they include one on traditional Palestinian dress and another on printed maps of the Ottoman Empire. From here the job could move in several different directions. He may focus on curating: the OI has thousands of objects in basement drawers that its registrar has estimated would take six people five years to document. He’d also like to finish writing up his Tell Brak discoveries and, with the OI’s sponsorship, continue making new ones. “I’d like the museum to become more of an active partner in the research of the institute,” he explains. He has sent three museum workers on field projects, and he hopes one day the museum itself will lead a dig.

He has also come to appreciate his forte for displaying and explaining the items he finds so fascinating. He’s even traveled to National Guard units nationwide to teach soldiers about Near Eastern artifacts and culture before they head to Iraq. “One of my strengths is working with people in groups on projects,” he says, rather than doing “the relatively solitary work of a researcher. I was late to realize that, but now that I’m here I can see how stimulating it is. If recent tour groups’ enthusiasm is any indication, the stimulation is mutual.” — Amy M. Braverman

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Alumni Gatherings

Upcoming alumni colleges include “Women in the War Zone” and “Harvard in the Olympics.” The events are organized by the HAA. For more information, call 617-495-1920 or visit www.haa.harvard.edu and click on “University-wide programs and services.”

On November 5, “The Schlesinger Collections: Women in the War Zone in the Twentieth Century,” offered with the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, includes two hours of lectures and a behind-the-scenes tour of the library’s holdings. This event follows the opening of the library’s exhibit A Call to American Women: Responses to War, and a conference on November 3-4 entitled “In the War Zone: How Does Gender Matter?” The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For information on the Radcliffe event, call 617-495-8600, or visit www.radcliffe.edu/events/conferences/war_zone/.

On January 21, a few weeks before the Olympic Winter Games begin in Italy, the HAA offers “Harvard in the Olympics,” a day of panel discussions at the Harvard Club of Boston. Featured speakers discuss topics such as training and competition, the business of running a global event, Harvard athletic history, and “Life after the Games.” Moderators and panelists include John Powers ’70, Paul George ’63, Paul Wylie ’90, M.B.A. ’00, and Bill Cleary ’56.

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The Radcliffe Extern program offers undergraduates the chance to spend time with alumnae at work and at home during spring recess (March 25-April 2, 2006). Call Irene Cognon Tucker at 617-496-3072 or e-mail mentor@radcliffe.edu or visit www.radcliffe.edu/alumnae.

The Office of Career Services connects students with employers for full-time, part-time, and summer jobs or internships throughout the year. One OCS program, the Harvard Career Internship Program, matches College students with unpaid internships during spring recess. For information, including details about posting opportunities, contact Nancy Saunders at 617-495-2595 or e-mail nsaund@fas.harvard.edu.

PUZZLES

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