

GELMAN NEWS

ARL Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce Announces 2002-2003 Stipends

by **Jack Siggins**
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Information about the opportunity for scholarships to library school is attached as **Attachment A**. Applications can be obtained at the front desk of the Administration Office.

Minutes of HRAC Meeting on 3/29/02

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Minutes from the HRAC meeting that was held on March 29, 2002 is attached as **Attachment B**.

Student Liaison Position Announcement

by **Andrea Stewart**
Administration

I have enclosed a description of the Student Liaison position as **Attachment C** with this issue of *RT*. Since our current Student Liaison, Corrie Bouma, is graduating in May, we must begin the search for her replacement. Please consider students currently working at Gelman as you review this announcement. Applications in the

form of a cover letter expressing the student's interest in the position and a current resume should be sent to Andrea Stewart no later than **April 26, 2002**. Corrie Bouma and Erica Aungst will join me in the interview process.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Corrie.

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment D** for the Gelman Library System's Vacancy Listing.

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University Schedule during the World Bank and International Monetary Fund Meetings from April 20th through the 22nd

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Please see **Attachment E** on the University’s schedule during the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings to be held from April 20th through the 22nd.

CONFERENCES

Organization of American Historians Conference Report

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Mary Faith Pankin’s report on the Organization of American Historians Conference that took place on April 11 through the 14th is attached as **Attachment F**.

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Sara Amiryar

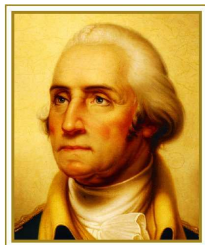
by **Isabella Montgomery**
Reference

In the current issue of *Ms. Magazine* (Spring 2002) page 73, there is a picture of the stunning Mrs. Amiryar, Sara, Quadir’s wife. She is back from Afghanistan where she has been doing important work with women. Sara and Quadir are leaders in the U.S. – Afghanistan community here.

LITERARY HISTORY

Apr. 7, 1931	Poet and short story writer Donald Barthelme is born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Apr. 8, 1941	Petrarch , having chosen Rome over Paris, is crowned Poet Laureate on the steps of Capitoline Hill.
Apr. 9, 1626	Philosopher and man of letters, Francis Bacon dies in London.
April 9, 1821	Charles Baudelaire is born in Paris.
April 9, 1917	Edward Thomas dies in Arras, France.
April 10, 1925	F. Scott Fitzgerald’s <i>The Great Gatsby</i> is published.
Apr. 11, 1722	Christopher Smart is born in Shipboume, Kent.
Apr. 12, 1934	F. Scott Fitzgerald’s <i>Tender is the Night</i> is published.
Apr. 13, 1906	Novelist and playwright Samuel Beckett is born in Dublin.
Apr. 14, 1828	The first edition of Noah Webster’s <i>American Dictionary of the English Language</i> is published.
Apr. 15, 1843	Henry James is born in New York.

Apr. 15, 1888	Matthew Arnold dies in Liverpool at 65.
Apr. 16, 1844	Anatole France is born in Paris.
Apr. 16, 1904	Samuel Smiles , best known for his didactic work <i>Self-Help</i> , dies in London.
Apr. 17, 1897	Thornton Wilder is born in Madison, Wisconsin.
Apr. 18, 1587	Author of <i>The Book of Martyrs</i> , John Foxe , dies in Cripplegate, London.
Apr. 19, 1824	The sixth Lord Byron , George, dies at the age of 36 of malarial fever.
Apr. 20, 1859	The first volume of Charles Dickens' <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> is published.
Apr. 20, 1996	The model for the human in the <i>Winnie-the-Pooh</i> books, Christopher Robin Milne dies.



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Something to Talk About



What is the Iron Age?

The real advent of the Iron Age came not with the discovery of the metal (in 2500 B.C.), but with the invention of the process of casing or steeling it, probably about 1500 B.C. This happened when it was learned that by repeatedly reheating wrought iron in a charcoal fire and then hammering it, it not only became harder than bronze but also kept its hardness after long use. (Wrought iron was discovered accidentally when smiths found that by hammering the small bead-like pieces of iron left as a residue after smelting copper, they could form the iron particles into a mass. This kind of wrought iron, however was good only for decorative purposes, and for more than a thousand years after 2500 B.C., iron remained a precious ornamental metal. Bronze, which was harder and capable of being sharpened to a fine cutting edge, continued to be the functional metal for tools and weapons.)

The next technological improvement, which again meant a further hardening of the metal, was the process of quenching it, that is, a process of repeatedly plunging the hot iron into cold water. It was only after this series of discoveries and inventions that the significant impact of iron on culture and civilization was appreciably felt.

Because bronze was scarce, it was also costly. Consequently, it was not until iron came into use that man extended his control over nature. For this reason, iron has been called “democratic metal.” Widespread use of iron tools meant a general increase in living standards. For example, the use of iron axes brought about the clearing of forests, and therefore new land came under cultivation. Other significant developments included the application of iron tools to sheep-

shearing and cloth-cutting, and the invention of the lathe, the most fundamental machine tool.

The Iron Age lasted until the beginning of the Classical Age. (c. 2000 B.C.)

Taken from:
The Handy History Answer Book
Edited by: Rebecca Nelson



SIMPLE TIPS

*How to thrive in The Gelman Library System
(or any other organization)*

**“Be known as someone who enhances
customer service.”**

by **Jack Siggins**
University Librarian

*“Libraries are the wardrobes of literature,
whence men, properly informed may bring forth
something for ornament, much for curiosity, and
more for use.”*

-William Dyer (1636-1696)-



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