

## GELMAN NEWS

### Egyptian Librarians

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

On Monday, November 6, two librarians from the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt will begin a four-week visit to GW and GLS.

Noah Ahmed El- Amrawi accepted her Bachelor of Commerce, Business Administration in May 1993. She works in the Gifts department in Bibliotheca Alexandria since August of 1994.

Mahwash Seif el Nasr's major specialization is French. She has a certificate in Alliance Francaise (French language diploma) and French Certificate of Secretariat (From the chamber of Commerce & Industry of Paris) She speaks English, French and Italian.

Noah and Mahwash will be attending Library meetings and functions as observers throughout their visit. They will be spending time working in some Library departments. Please welcome them and introduce yourselves as you come in contact with them.

Please see **Attachment A** for information on the revival project of the Ancient Library of Alexandria or visit [www.bibalex.gov.eg](http://www.bibalex.gov.eg).

### ANDREA'S SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, Nov. 6, 2000</b>	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000</b>	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000</b>	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Nov. 9, 2000</b>	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, Nov. 10, 2000</b>	No Schedule

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## Outage for Multiple Systems

by **Teena Bedola**  
Administration

The following information was received from Mr. Charles Spann, Interim Director for Information Technology Services.

*“On Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Information Systems and Services will be taking a number of machines off-line in order to facilitate system and network maintenance and improvements. Most central systems will be off-line during this time period.*

*The systems affected include:*

*GWMail e-mail*

*GWIS2*

*Research*

*WWW*

*Hermes*

*Oracle Financials*

*These systems will be taken down as necessary. Systems may not actually remain down for the entire 9 hours, but users should plan for them to be unavailable for the entire 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. timeframe.*

*While you will not be able to access your e-mail during this time frame, e-mail will be queued up and saved, so that no incoming e-mail will be lost. Web pages on GWIS2 and WWW will not be available during this time.*

*For system status and updates, or other technical information, you can visit the Virtual Help Desk at <http://helpdesk.gwu.edu> or contact the ISS helpdesk at (202) 994-5530.*

*We apologize for any inconvenience, as we make the necessary system changes. Thank you.”*

## Cabinet Activities for September

by **Liz Harter**  
Reference

The Gelman Cabinet would like to keep staff members informed about Cabinet activities, so the members have decided to write monthly articles in the *Renaissance Times*, make announcements at Council of Librarians and SMG meetings, and convey relevant information to staff at their regular departmental meetings. Current Cabinet members consist of Marifran Bustion, Marty Courtois, Gale Etschmaier, Liz Harter, Francine Henderson, Janice Houck, Jean Pec, Judy Solberg, and Cathy Zeljak. In the month of September, we worked in four main areas: making changes in Cabinet communication methods, identifying staff for management development workshops, contributing to a list of information technology needs in Gelman, and gathering and prioritizing equipment requests.

To further enhance communication, the Cabinet and Gelman Administration agreed to appoint Cabinet Liaisons to the Administration Group for a three-month trial period. These new liaisons are Marifran Bustion and Gale Etschmaier. In the area of staff development, Cabinet identified supervisors who will be attending upcoming Association of Research Libraries Office of Leadership and Management Services workshops entitled “Library Management Skills Institute.” As part of a critical need for enhancement of information technology equipment and services, the Cabinet has worked with Blaine D’Amico and other members of Administration to compile a list of needs.

The identification and prioritization of these needs continues to develop through a new Library Information Technology Priority Committee chaired by Debbie Bezanson. After we determine priorities, we can then finalize computer and related equipment requests.

One highly positive new initiative is TIPS, a Technology Information Partnership program, where we will train a current staff member within a department when a technology liaison is needed to fulfill requirements within that department. This initiative helps to mitigate the critical shortage of technology staff in Gelman. Finally, as the fourth activity, Cabinet gathered and prioritized furniture and non-computer equipment requests. The Administration Group authorized immediate expenditures for the most urgent A-priority items.

## Faculty Authors Signing Reception

by **Erica Aungst**  
Administration



On November 9, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon, The GLS Special Collections Department and the George Washington University Club will co-host a special Faculty Authors Signing Reception. Please see **Attachment B** or details.

## Staff Kudos

by **Erica Aungst**  
Administration

All Library staff influence current and potential donors. You might not be aware that your dedication and enthusiasm is noticed and appreciated, but there are people who take note! The Gelman Library System ambience has been a key factor in our receiving many non-cash (in-kind) gifts. Sometimes, a constituent can be so moved as to contribute funds to the Library. So moved, actually, to not only send money but also to write a letter praising the specific Gelman Library inspiration for their generosity.

Lyle Slovick, Assistant University Archivist, has earned some great kudos from a family that collaborated among themselves in sending a four-

check contribution. The following is excerpted from the family's letter:

*Through the efforts of Mr. Lyle Slovick our family has discovered that all of the records pertaining to my grandfather's law school days are being cared for in (T)he Gelman Library (A)rchives.... In celebration of his daughter's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday our family would like to make an unrestricted gift to (T)he Gelman Library. The only request our family has is that all of the money is given to (T)he Gelman Library's archival staff and allow them to determine what is their primary need.*

*On a personal note, I am not sure who should receive this information, but I must take this opportunity to comment on the assistance I received from Mr. Slovick. I have worked in academia for 25 years and in all that time I have never come across an individual who was so dedicated to his profession. Mr. Slovick is an excellent ambassador for (The) George Washington University.... I hope that you will share this letter with the appropriate people so they will be aware of the exceptional employee that is working at (The) George Washington (University).*

Congratulations Lyle! This letter highlights the unique support the Special Collections and University Archives provides. Thanks for brightening the Library spotlight!

## Archives Week History Fair

by **Erica Aungst**  
Administration

The Gelman Library Special Collections Department is pleased to present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Archives Week History Fair in recognition of National Archives Week on Saturday, November 11, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. R.S.V.P.'s are encouraged - - Call (202) 994-7549. Please see **Attachment C** for details.

## Harvest Festival

by **Wendell Kellar**  
*Administration*

The Gelman Library Staff Association Committee sponsored a Harvest Festival/Fall Stress Break on October 31, Halloween. The highlight of the event featured an impromptu performance by noted vocalist (and fellow Gelmanista) Randye Jones.

The event also featured the more traditional costume-judging contests. The judges were Teena Bedola, Wendell Kellar, Suzanne Nortier and Teresa Smith. The winners were:

Delia Rafuson ← 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$30 Gap gift certificate  
Elizabeth Levin ← 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$15 Tower Records gift certificate  
Blaine D'Amico ← 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$15 Barnes & Noble gift certificate

Many thanks to Erica Aungst, Suzanne Nortier, Teresa Smith and Chris Walker for their assistance and ensuring that everyone had a good time.

## Cafe Gelman "Literary Timeout"

by **Erica Aungst**  
*Administration*

Carolyn Frenger distributed **Attachment D** at the Fall Cafe Gelman in recognition of Banned Books Week. It's interesting to compare the Modern Library Association's list of the 100 best English-language novels of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century with the American Library Association's list of the 100 most frequently challenged books of the past decade. Thank you, Carolyn, for this thought-provoking Cafe Gelman conversation piece!

## GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES

### Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment E** for Gelman's Vacancy Listings.

### New Building Operations Assistant

by **Peggy Enevoldsen**  
*Building Operations*

The Building Operations Assistant position has finally been filled! Marcus Branch will start working on November 9, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. His principal work schedule will be at night; 3:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. Please join me in welcoming him to our Gelman Family!

I would also like to remind everyone that if an employee of The Gelman Library or even the University has been terminated, (students of course can still have entry) they are not allowed to enter the department of any other department that they have been terminated from. If this occurs, the staff from their former department should contact UPD during night or weekend hours and me during weekday hours. If staff members of Gelman Library are allowing employees that have been terminated into the departments, then they too may be held accountable.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### United Way Campaign 2000

by **Wendell Kellar**  
*Periodicals*

Greetings! The George Washington University 2000 United Way Campaign is now underway. From now until Monday, November 13, you are invited to contribute to this honorable agency.

The University has been a leader within the academic community in raising money for the United Way and its associated agencies. As one of the largest organizations of the University, Gelman is a key player in this success story. With your help, this year will be a success too.

Pledging to the United Way is quick, painless and easy. Giving options include cash (or check) donation or payroll deduction. Giving to the United Way is an investment in our communities. The money you give will help the lives of countless people. For more information, call me at x4-0576. I am looking forward to meeting each of you in the next few weeks. Thank you for your participation.

### **Fall 2000 Open Enrollment**

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

Do you have unanswered questions about your employee benefits? Thinking of changing your plan? This is the time for you to review your benefit elections for the 2001 plan year, which begins January 1, 2001.

This is the only time you will be able to cancel coverage, enroll in a new or different plan, or drop or add a dependent for health and/or dental insurance for the 2001 plan year.

Remember that if you do not make a change now, your benefit elections will remain in effect, with the exception of the Flexible Spending Accounts. These accounts require an annual re-enrollment. Materials are also available on-line at [www.gwu.edu/~hrs/benefits](http://www.gwu.edu/~hrs/benefits). For more information, please see **Attachment F** or call Benefit Services at x4-9620.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **ALA Spectrum Scholarship**

by **Erica Aungst**  
*Administration*

The American Library Association Spectrum Scholarship awards fifty (50) scholarships of \$5000 to Latino/Hispanic, African American/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Asian/Pacific Islanders entering graduate programs in library and information studies programs that are accredited by the ALA and or an ALA recognized school library media program.

You will find criteria, instructions and professional references forms at the Spectrum site.

The 2001 on-line application form is now available at the Spectrum website: [www.ala.org/spectrum/](http://www.ala.org/spectrum/). The deadline is March 1, 2001.

### **Drug Free Schools & Communities Act of 1989**

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

Attached as **Attachment G**. Information regarding the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989. This information was taken from *What Works: Schools Without Drugs (1989 Edition)*, as reprinted in Federal Register 55, no. 159, August 16, 1990, 33591.



## WORKSHOP

### Working with International Students A Workshop for GWU Staff

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

Attached as **Attachment H**. A report by Janet Silverthorne about the workshop she attended, *Working with International Students / A Workshop for GWU Staff*.



#### BOOK QUOTE

*“There are books so alive that you're always afraid that while you weren't reading, the book has gone and changed, has shifted like a river; while you went on living, it went on living too, and like a river moved on and moved away. No one has stepped twice into the same river. But did anyone ever step twice into the same book?”*

~ [Marina Tsvetaeva](#) ~

## THIS WEEK IN LITERARY HISTORY

November 5, 1885	Historian <b>Will Durant</b> , born in North Adams, Massachusetts.
November 5, 1897	<b>Dr. Seward</b> and the <b>Harkers</b> kill Dracula in Bram Stoker's Gothic novel.
November 5, 1901	The illustrator of <i>Mother Goose</i> , <b>Kate (Catherine) Greenway</b> , dies in London.
November 6, 1315	<b>Dante Alighieri</b> , sentenced to death by Florence after he ignores the city's efforts to force his return from exile.
November 7, 1894	Spurned by his girl friend, <b>Robert Frost</b> at age 20 wanders through the Great Dismal Swamp in Virginia, where he has gone to think bitter thoughts.
November 8, 1900	Novelist <b>Margaret Mitchell</b> , creator of <i>Scarlett O'Hara</i> , born in Atlanta, Georgia.
November 9, 1928	Poet <b>Ann Sexton</b> , born in Newton, Massachusetts.
November 10, 1913	American poet and critic <b>Karl Shapiro</b> , born in Baltimore.
November 11, 1948	At 24 years of age and with a one-way ticket, <b>James Baldwin</b> sails for Europe.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Exhibit - "Bright Stars Through the Perilous Fight " : Men and Women Who Would Be Through President** - - Weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Gelman Special Collections  
**1/26/01** (202) 994-7549

**Event - Faculty Authors Signing Reception and the Gelman Library History Fair –**  
**11/09/00** 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon GW Club – Gelman Special Collections - (202) 994-7549

**Event - GW Club First Annual Book Fair, Founders Reception and Book signing –**  
**11/10/00** 5:00 p.m. - GW Club (\$125 per couple) - (202) 994-2355

**Event - GW Club First Annual Book Fair, Continental Breakfast - - 8:30 a.m. -**  
**11/11/00** GW Club (\$5) - (202) 994-2355

**Event - GW Club First Annual Book Fair, Author Presentations, Book signings and Gift book**  
**11/11/00 sales** - 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - GW Club (Free) - Details on flier in Gelman 202, or call (202) 994-2355

**Event - DCLA Reception - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - The Sumner School - (202) 994- 0124**  
**11/15/00**

**Meeting - Friends of the GW Libraries Board of Directors Luncheon – Noon - GW Club**  
**11/20/00** (202) 994-8286

**Meeting - GLS Staff Management Group, Environmental Scan - 2:00 p.m. - Gelman 202**  
**11/30/00** (202) 994-6455

### RENAISSANCE TIMES

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