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GELMAN NEWS

Bright Stars Political Memorabilia Exhibit - - Closing Soon!

by **Erica Aungst**
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Please see **Attachment A**, an exhibit review published in the December 2000 issue of the *PlayDC* newspaper, for a convenient overview of the Special Collections Department exhibit "*Bright Stars Through the Perilous Fight*": *Men and Women Who Would Be President*. The *PlayDC* reporter provides observations, commentary, and material from an interview with the exhibit curator, Bernadette Boucher.

The exhibit is scheduled to close on Friday January 26. On Monday, January 22, the Special Collections Department will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Bring your family, friends and colleagues to see this notable exhibit while the opportunity exists. You may inquire at (202) 994-7549. See you at the exhibit!

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Rethinking Race, Gender and Power

by **Teena Bedola**
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The Melvin Gelman Library is co-sponsoring a public lecture featuring Lani Guinier on January 23, 2001. Please see **Attachment B** for more information.

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Vacancy Listing

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

ANDREA STEWART'S SCHEDULE	
Monday, Jan. 8, 2001	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001	No Schedule
Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12, 2001	ALA



BOOK QUOTE

If I had my way books would not be written in English, but in an exceedingly difficult secret language that only skilled professional readers and story-tellers could interpret. Then people like you would have to go to public halls and pay good prices to hear the professionals decode and read the books aloud for you. This plan would have the advantage of scaring off all amateur authors, retired politicians, country doctors and I-Married-a-Midget writers who would not have the patience to learn the secret language.

~ [Robertson Davies](#) ~

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Lecture - Lani Guinier – *Rethinking Race, Gender and Power*
01/23/01 4:30 p.m. – GW Law School Moot Court – Reception to follow, Great Hall
2000 H Street, NW – (202) 994-6942

THIS WEEK IN LITERARY HISTORY

January 7, 1972	At 58, poet John Berryman jumps off a bridge into the Mississippi River.
January 8, 1972	Harold Munro opens the doors of the Poetry Bookshop in London, through which pass Robert Frost and Ezra Pound, meeting for the first time.
January 9, 1924	Virginia Woolf buys the lease on a house in Bloomsbury.
January 9, 1946	Countee Cullen , one of the finest of the Harlem Renaissance poets, dies in New York.
January 10, 1743	Richard Savage , poet and playwright, is arrested in Bristol for a debt of 8 pounds, owed to a coffee-house.
January 10, 1845	Elizabeth Barrett at 38 and Robert Browning at 32, begin corresponding when she receives a note—"I love you" – from the little-known poet whose work she has praised in her poem "Lady Geraldine's Courtship."
January 11, 1903	South African novelist Alan Paton born in Pietmaritzburg.
January 12, 1976	Master of the detective novel, playwright, and Dame of the British Empire in 1971, Agatha Christie , dies in Wallingford, Oxfordshire.
January 12, 1986	Bob Kaufman dies, still silent after many years of vowed silence, in San Francisco, California.
January 13, 1941	Still disappointed with the reception given his work, James Joyce dies in Zürich, Switzerland.

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