

GELMAN NEWS

Strategic Planning Update

by **Alicia Miller**

Management Information System

At its annual retreat last June, the Gelman Library System Strategic Planning Group (SPG) drafted four (4) new goals for 2000-2003. By August 15, the "Goal Groups" will have met to refine the language of these new goals.

On **Thursday, August 17, at 1:00 p.m. in room 202**, SPG will reconvene to identify resources needed to implement each objective in the plan.

During the last two weeks of August, Goal conveners and/or other members of SPG will present the "3rd draft" of the 2000-2003 Plan and its projected resource requirements to the Council of Librarians, the Staff Association Committee, the Staff Management Group, Library departments, groups and teams, staff at the Mount Vernon and Virginia campus libraries, and other library groups for additional input.

On **Tuesday, September 5, at 10:00 a.m. in room 202**, SPG will meet to finalize the plan.

To conclude this cycle of the Strategic Planning process, the final Plan will be presented to:

-- all Gelman Library System staff at *Library Review/Open Forum* on **Thursday, September 7, at 8:30 a.m.** (location to be announced by SAC), and

-- the GW Community at Library Update on **Thursday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m., in room 202**

Please watch your e-mailbox and other issues of Renaissance Times for additional information on the progress of the 2000-2003 plan.

Staff Retreat

by **Teena Bedola**

Administration

It's that time of the year again for another Staff Retreat! Watch for David Killian's Retreat Fact Sheet in your GroupWise Mail.

ANDREA'S SCHEDULE IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

Andrea is on Annual Leave the entire week.



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Librarian Promotion and Reappointments

by **Liz Harter**
Reference

The Gelman Administration and Librarian Review and Development Committee join in congratulating the librarians identified below. In appreciation of their professional achievements, the following promotion and reappointment actions have taken place.

Promotion from Librarian II to Librarian III:
Cathy Zeljak

Reappointment: Bernadette Boucher, Marty Courtois, Anne Emery, Carolyn Frenger, David Killian, and Cathy Zeljak.

Academic Affairs Recognizes Twelve Gelman Library Staff Members for their Service

by **Jack Siggins**
Administration



Shafi Azimi (15 years)

Shafi Azimi has provided invaluable service to the Gelman Library during his fifteen-year tenure with the University. His attention to detail, cooperative spirit, willingness to learn and share knowledge, and his desire to provide well-considered advice while drawing from his wealth of experiences has influenced many decisions in the best interest of the University. Shafi joined the GW family in 1983 and has worked his way up through a series of progressively challenging positions -- all of which have brought out his exemplary work qualities such as poise, integrity, loyalty and ultimate trust. He has served the Library well, and it is with sincere appreciation for a job well done we acknowledge his fifteen years of service. Undoubtedly, he will continue to do so for many more years to come.

Teena Bedola (10 years)

Teena is a member of the Administrative Services Unit (Since September 1999). In that short timeframe, she has redesigned the *Renaissance Times*, our official newsletter, with graphics and new features. She is a strong team player who is always willing to help our internal and external customers. This year, Teena is a member of the Staff Association Committee. Her enthusiasm and creativity are evident in everything this group plans.

Blaine D'Amico (10 years)

Blaine is responsible for Library automation in GLS. Although he officially was on the staff of CIRC when I came here, last year when CIRC was disbanded, he became a member of the GLS staff again. This is a job of enormous responsibility and stress, creating daily challenges which arise from the fact that the entire Library system and all its users are dependent upon our technology. Blaine has handled this responsibility with great skill, knowledge and humor. The library system is very fortunate to have Blaine on the staff.

Sterling G. Lott (20 years)

In 1977, Sterling Lott began work at Gelman Library as a wage hour employee. He worked in both Circulation and Collections Management Services Departments. In October 1979 he graduated to full-time employee in CMS. He misses being the longest-term employee in CMS by only 6 months! Sterling has seen many changes in cataloging department operations. His first job was to file shelflist cards. As he gained experience, he was promoted to filing cards in the Public catalog, something many of us remember. As Gelman had moved from cards to an online catalog, Sterling's job changed too. Now he links, or in layman's terms he creates barcode records in ALADIN. In fact, Sterling has already survived 4 different automation stages! He'll probably go through several more before he ever reaches retirement.

Juanita E. Lyle (10 years)

Juanita Lyle has contributed a great deal to the Gelman Library Circulation Department over the last 10 years. She has been particularly effective in applying two of Gelman Library's organizational values to her every daily work. They are: Leadership and Creativity/Innovation.

As a leader, Juanita consistently encourages the professional growth and development of people that work with her in the reserve unit, because she knows the value of bringing out the individual strengths of team members.

Juanita also demonstrated Creativity and Innovation when she provided the Prometheus Development team with the design elements necessary to make electronic reserves available to GW students on the 24th of July.

We appreciate the long hours she puts in maintaining the reserve collection, and are pleased to recognize her 10-year contribution to GW.

Le T. Nguyen (10 years)

Le Nguyen has spent many of the 20 years working in the Collection Management Services and Acquisitions Departments. Her work has exemplified the attention to detail so necessary in library processing. She has worked closely with other Acquisitions staff to have accurate information in ALADIN.

Gerald Phillips (10 years)

Before taking his current job at the Virginia Campus Library, Gerald was head of the Media Services Department in Gelman. This was a very sensitive position because so many faculty and students were dependent upon the videotapes and other recordings for classroom use. Despite many obstacles, Gerald proved not only to be reliable and dependable, but highly service-oriented. Faculty turned to him frequently for last minute help, when they realized they had forgotten to order film for their next class, or when other

University departments had not provided the assistance they needed. All the staff in the library system recognize his contributions and appreciate especially his sense of humor.

Nia Phillips (5 years)

Nia is a member of our newly organized Human Resources Team. She is an integral part of that team, providing advice and guidance on how to accomplish many HR tasks. She is a strong team member, and offers excellent customer service to the clients (internal and external) with whom she works day-to-day.

Bernard E. Pitts (5 years)

Bernard is an integral member of the Gelman Library Information Service team. Over the past five years, Bernard has proven his dedication to providing the best customer service possible to the GLIS clients day after day. He knows each one of the clients and helps new clients learn about the services that GLIS has to offer. He is also a member of the Library team, aware of other departments and the role they play in providing services to the public. He is a valued member of the Gelman team.

Dorich G. Scott (10 years)

He serves as a key supervisor in the Gelman Reference Department, where he is recognized for his calmness, frankness and conscientiousness. Because of his talents and experience, he was asked recently to take over temporarily as acting head of the Media Services Department while a search for a permanent replacement is found. He was asked to do so because of his accomplishments in Reference. One look at the regal bearing shows the pride he has in doing a good job; it also reveals his past as a dancer, another of his hidden talents. The GLS is very fortunate to have him on the staff.

Delia Rafuson (25 years)**Otis Suggs (10 years)****Regina Watson (20 years)**

CAMPUS NEWS

New Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science

by **Jack Siggins**
University Librarian

Professor Timothy Tong from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado succeeds Interim Dean Tom Mazzuchi as the new Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Professor Tong received his Ph.D. from Berkeley in 1980 and his BS from Oregon State University in 1976, both in Mechanical Engineering. Besides his current positions as Department Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Colorado State University (a Research Institute) and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, he has served at the National Science Foundation as a Program Director for Thermal Transport and Thermal Processing (1996-'97), Acting Director of the Center for Energy Systems Research at Arizona State University (1994-'96), Administrative Intern in the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost at Arizona State University (1991-'92), and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Arizona State (1990-'96). Among other honors, Professor Tong is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (1997).

Along with his position as Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Professor Tong will hold the position of Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department. Professor Tong will assume his new duties at GW on Tuesday, 5 September 2000. In the meantime, Professor Mezuzah has agreed to continue as Interim Dean until the date, and will work with Professor Tong to assure a smooth transition and a strong start to the new academic year.

Web Mail Transition

By **Blaine D'Amico**
Management Information Systems

GWMail is in transition! On Monday, August 14, most GWMail users would have had their email accounts transferred to the new email system. No details of what kind of changes are being done so we suggest everyone attend one of the sessions conducted by the GWMail team. If you are interested in knowing more about the new GWMail system, information sessions are being held to highlight some of the changes and new features available in GWMail. The following sessions are currently scheduled:

Monday, August 7th, 12:00 - 1:30
Tuesday, August 8th, 3:00 - 4:30
Wednesday, August 9th, 6:00 - 7:30
Monday, August 14th, 12:00 - 1:30
Tuesday, August 15th, 3:00 - 4:30
Tuesday, August 29th, 12:00 - 1:30
Wednesday, August 30th, 6:00 - 7:30
Thursday, August 31st, 3:00 - 4:30

All sessions are in Marvin Center 307. You do not need to RSVP to attend; just show up! E-mail teachme@gwu.edu with any questions about these information sessions. See <http://www.gwu.edu/~gwmil> for details.

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES

VACANCY LISTING

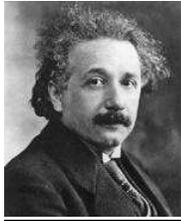
Please see **Attachment A** for Gelman's Vacancy Listings.

CONFERENCE

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Pre-conference

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Attachment B contains Daniel Barthell's report on his trip to the ALA Annual Meeting held in Chicago in July.



THE EINSTEIN CORNER

"Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius -- and a lot of courage -- to move in the opposite direction."



BOOK QUOTE

"With one day's reading, a man may have the key in his hands."

-- EZRA POUND --
THE PISAN CANTOS (1948)



Workstation Tip of the Week

July 25, 2000

by **Alicia Miller**
Management Information Systems

GWIS2 Transitioning

Please see **Attachment C** for important information about your GWIS2 account password.

Of Note This Week...

by **Erica Aungst**
Administration

The **IBM PC** was introduced on August 12, 1981.

The **first British municipal public library** was established in Norwich in 1608.

The **first Librarian of Congress**, John James Beckley, was born on August 4, 1757.

The **"Father of Indian Librarianship,"** S. R. Ranganathan, was born on August 12, 1892.

In 1911, the **New York Public Library stone lions** were known as Leo Astor and Leo Lenox after the Library's benefactors Jacob Astor and James Lenox. The lions became known as "Patience" and "Fortitude" from Mayor LaGuardia's Depression-era radio talk show sign offs.

THIS WEEK IN LITERARY HISTORY

August 6, 1637	Ben Jonson dies in London
August 6, 1809	Alfred, Lord Tennyson born in Somersby, Lincolnshire
August 7, 1903	Louis S. B. Leakey born in Kabete, Kenya
August 8, 1896	Marjorie Kinan Rawlings born in Washington, D.C.
August 9, 1631	John Dryden born at the vicarage of Aldwinkle All Saints, North Hamptonshire
August 9, 1842	Herman Melville escapes from Marquesas Islands Typee Valley cannibals after a month in captivity
August 10, 1912	Virginia Stephan marries Leonard Woolf in London
August 11, 1921	Alex Haley born in Ithaca, New York
August 12, 1955	William Blake dies in small room off the Strand
August 12, 1955	Thomas Mann dies in Zurich

GELMAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Home Base: The Neighborhoods of Washington D.C.

Library Closing

Exhibit Showing

DATE

DATE

June 23, 2000
through
Sept. 14, 2000

August 11, 2000

PLACE

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Room
207

Gelman Library

TIME

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Monday through
Friday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday
At Noon

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