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New Collection Available in Special Collections

by **Bernadette Boucher**
Special Collections

The Special Collections Department is pleased to announce that the William R. Perl Papers are completely processed and can now be used by the public.

The William R. Perl Papers were donated to Gelman Library in 1999 by Perl's wife, Lore Perl. They consist of 12 boxes of correspondence, military records, news clippings, photographs and audio tapes.

William R. Perl was a businessman, U.S. Army officer, psychologist, activist, and long-time resident of the greater Washington, D.C. area. Born in Prague in 1906, Perl organized fellow Zionists in Vienna and transported more than 40,000 Jewish refugees to Palestine, saving them from the Holocaust. In 1941, Perl emigrated to the United States and joined the U.S. Army. Following World War II, Perl served as a prosecutor during the Malmedy War Crimes Trials at Dachau. Later in life, Perl earned a Ph.D. in psychology and taught courses at GW. He was also very active in Jewish organizations and causes, serving as president of the Jewish Defense League during the early 1970s. The William R. Perl Papers document all these aspects of Perl's long and fascinating life.

CAMPUS NEWS

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Below is a memo received from Jeff Baxter, the Communications Coordinator of Information Systems and Services (ISS).

GWMail Problems:

GWMail has been experiencing difficulties in delivering e-mail. Not everyone seems to be affected, but you may notice that e-mail is not being delivered in an expedient manner to your in-box. All e-mail is being saved, and will be delivered as soon as possible -- you will not lose any e-mail.

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In addition, when you send mail using Webmail or GWIS2, you may receive an error message stating that the message was not saved to your sent-mail folder. Your e-mail will be sent out, but a copy will not be saved to your sent-mail folder.

System administrators are aware of the problem and are working to resolve it as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Virus Alert:

In addition, a computer virus has been spotted in e-mails being sent to and from GW. If you receive an e-mail with the subject line "A great shockwave Flash Movie" and an attachment called CREATIVE.EXE, please delete it.

For additional information, please visit <http://helpdesk.gwu.edu> -- you will see a link to more information about the virus and an updated Sophos IDE (virus description file) to combat this virus.

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 Help Desk at (202) 994-5530."

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Vacancy Listing

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



CONFERENCES

Internet Librarian 2000 Conference in Monterey

by **Gary Price**

Northern Virginia Campus

At the beginning of November, I had the opportunity and privilege of attending and presenting at the Internet Librarian 2000 Conference in Monterey, California. The conference was presented by Information Today.

The presentation I participated in, a part of the "Navigating the Net: Searching and Searchers" track, was coordinated by online search expert and *Searcher* magazine editor Barbara Quint.

My presentation was co-presented with my frequent partner, Chris Sherman, an information consultant in Los Angeles. Among Chris Sherman's many undertakings is his work as the "guide" to the Websearch portion of About.Com. If you have never visited Chris' site, I urge you to do so. It is a wonderful way to keep updated on web searching news. He also offers many useful tutorials and guides on his site, <http://websearch.about.com>

Our presentation focused on the Invisible Web. The IW is a large body of useful, important, and often authoritative data that the general search tools (ie. Alta Vista, Excite, Google, etc) cannot or choose not to "crawl" and make available via their databases. You can view our PowerPoint presentation along with a web page that enumerates some examples at the following urls.

Slides:

<http://www.infotoday.com/il2000/presentations/sherman1.ppt>

Web Page:

<http://gwu.edu/~gprice/invisiblewebexamples.htm>

The presentation that followed was given by Joe Barker, Websearching Coordinator at The Teaching Library, University of California-Berkeley. It was very interesting to hear and view the many teaching tools he has created. I remember nodding my head in agreement several times as Joe described some of the questions and challenges he faces. The presentation and links to related pages can be found at:
http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo-InternetLibn2000_files/v3_document.htm

For me, the highlight of my time at Monterey was the opportunity to hear Carole Leita speak and to spend some time with her. Carole Leita is a true web librarian pioneer and the founder and director of perhaps one of the information community's most important contributions to the organization of quality resources, the Librarians' Index to the Internet:
<http://www.lii.org>

This hierarchically-designed and fully searchable catalog of web resources is a tool with which ALL information professionals should be aware. Each entry is selected and annotated by a librarian along with subject headings via LCSH. One of the other useful resources the LII offers is the "What's New" weekly newsletter (free) that lists new additions to the directory. It is a great way to get an idea of new material that could be useful for your area. You can subscribe via this url:
<http://www.lii.org/search/file/maillinglist>

Carole specifically spoke at IL about obtaining funding to keep the project growing and expanding. By the way, I recently conducted a Q and A interview with Carole for *Searcher* magazine. It is available on Dow Jones Interactive.

Finally, while I did not attend his session in Monterey, the work of Greg Notess, a librarian at Montana St. University. Greg often speaks and writes on general search tools. Most of his work,

including his very frequently quoted studies on search tool size commerce can be found at his site:
<http://www.searchengineshowdown.com>
 Many other conference presentations and related web pages can be found at:
<http://www.infotoday.com/il2000/presentations/default.htm>



BOOK QUOTE

Books are standing counselors and preachers, always at hand, and always disinterested; having this advantage over oral instructors, that they are ready to repeat their lesson as often as we please.

~ [Oswald Chambers](#) ~

ANDREA STEWART'S SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 4, 2000	Business Office 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000	Human Resources 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000	Business Office 10:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8, 2000	No Schedule

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

Meeting – Friends of the GW Libraries Board of Directors Luncheon – Tuesday,
12/12/00 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – The GW University Club

Event - Geman Library Winter Staff Open Forum
12/19/00 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Gelman Room 202

THIS WEEK IN LITERARY HISTORY

December 3, 1894	Robert Louis Stevenson , at age 44, dies suddenly of apoplexy in Apia, Samoa, leaving his work, <i>Weir of Hermiston</i> unfinished.
December 4, 1795	Thomas Carlyle , born in Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire.
December 4, 1875	Lyric poet Rainer Maria Rilke , born in Prague.
December 5, 1830	Christina Rossetti , born in London.
December 5, 1931	Vachel Lindsay commits suicide by drinking Lysol at age 52.
December 6, 1961	Frantz Fanon , having completed <i>Wretched of the Earth</i> , dies in Washington, DC at age 36.
December 7, 1985	English poet, novelist, critic and classical scholar Robert Graves dies in Deya, Majorca, Spain.
December 8, 1874	Novelist Mary Gordon born on Long Island, New York.
December 9, 1848	Creator of Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit, Joel Chandler Harris , born in Putnam County, Georgia.
December 9, 1987	Alfred Lord Tennyson's <i>The Charge of the Light Brigade</i> is published in <i>The Examiner</i> , six weeks after the Battle of Balaclava.