



## GELMAN NEWS

### **World Bank/IMF Meetings and Planned Demonstrations September 25-29, 2002**

by **Jack Siggins**  
*University Librarian*

The fall World Bank/International Monetary Fund (IMF) meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, through Sunday, September 29. Municipal officials estimate that as a result of these meetings as many as 10,000 visitors could be in and around Foggy Bottom from Friday, September 27, to Monday, September 30. This is a reminder to all GLS staff that you must have and carry your GWorld identification cards at all times for the duration of the meetings to ensure access to University buildings. If you have lost your card, please make arrangements to get one as soon as possible.

Please refer to **Attachment A**, a memo to the University Community from John Petrie, Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Emergency Management on Street Closure and Traffic and GW Status during the demonstrations.

### **Gelman Welcomes New Staff Members**

#### **ACQUISITIONS:**

Gelman Library's Acquisitions Department would like to extend a warm welcome to Nikita Narkhede who began working part-time in the

position of Gifts Assistant. Many of you already know Nikita from her prior work at Gelman as the Gifts Assistant. We are pleased to welcome Nikita back!

*--Alan Lloyd*

It is with great pleasure that the Serials Acquisitions Librarian Search Committee announces that Mykie Howard will be joining the staff of Gelman Library as our new Serials Acquisitions Librarian. Her starting date is not yet finalized, but we hope to see her in late September/early October.

Mykie comes to Gelman with three years of experience as Senior Library Technician in the Acquisitions Department at the University of Kentucky, William T. Young Library. While there she developed and practiced skills in training, supervising, problem-solving, and documenting procedures, as well as working with invoicing, checking-in, and claiming in Voyager.

Mykie received her MS in Library Science from the University of Kentucky in December 2001. As part of her graduate education, Mykie supplemented her coursework with an internship in preservation, and she served as a volunteer teaching assistant for a distance education course at her library school.

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Mykie is an active member of the Special Libraries Association, serving as member and chair of several local chapter committees including the Mentoring/Affirmative Action Committee of the Cincinnati Chapter. She has an impressive list of publications already on her resume.

We look forward to her arrival and will give you more specific details as they develop. Once we have a definite starting date for Mykie, we will be developing an orientation schedule for her and will be asking you all for your input in her orientation and training.

*--Debbie Bezanson, Chair of Search Committee*

#### **CIRCULATION:**

On behalf of the entire Circulation Department, I would like to announce the arrival of our newest team member!! April Cleary began her position as a permanent full-time circulation supervisor Wednesday, August 21st. She comes to us from Oregon, and will be starting a graduate degree in museum studies here at George Washington this fall.

She brings a wealth of experience that she gained while working in the circulation department of her undergraduate library at the University of Portland, where she served for four years as both a student assistant and a student monitor. Besides experience with many direct customer service transactions, she also had experience with an assortment of duties (including consortium loans, book searches, and fine collection and inquiry) that will make her an excellent addition to our unit.

I am pleased to announce the two newest arrivals to our supervisory team at the circulation desk, Syed Tipu and Sarah Kopelovich. Both Tipu and Sarah have worked for us in student assistant capacities at the circulation desk for some time; Tipu joined us in September of 2001, and Sarah has been a familiar face to many for two years.

We are glad that they have chosen to join us as part-time permanent staff members, and we know that they will continue the excellent tradition of customer service that we have established in Gelman!

*--John Danneker*

#### **INTERLIBRARY LOAN:**

On behalf of the Interlibrary Loan Unit, I would like to share the good news with all my colleagues and that is the transfer of Mr. Afzal Khan from the GLIS to the Interlibrary Loan Unit beginning September 3rd. Afzal Khan will join us as a permanent part-time Library Specialist I assisting and coordinating the lending functions of the Unit.

Afzal Khan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, from his previous position in GLIS such as efficiency in lending, familiarity with the local institutions, computer skills and customer service. Please join us welcoming Mr. Khan.

*--Quadir Amiryar*

#### **REFERENCE:**

Jennifer Nutefall began working at Gelman on Monday, August 12th as Instruction Coordinator and Reference Librarian. Jennifer brings extensive experience in and knowledge of library instruction and information literacy to Gelman. She has worked as a Reference/Instruction Librarian at SUNY Brockport since 1998.

One of Jennifer's major accomplishments at Brockport was in writing a curriculum for a joint Communication Department/Library general education course. She worked closely with the Communication Department to develop a course entitled "Oral Communication and Information Literacy." Librarians will work with faculty to teach these classes. This program was piloted this past year. We are looking forward to Jennifer helping us work with GW faculty and

administration to integrate information literacy principles into the new proposed writing program.

Jennifer completed the Information Literacy Immersion Institute Track Two this July. She focused her attention on issues related to assessment and is interested in creating a continuing assessment process to measure the effectiveness of instruction programs.

Jennifer will be coordinating the work of the Education and Instruction Group and will be participating in reference services. Her desk is in room 104 and she can be reached at 994-9863. Please join me in welcoming Jennifer Nutefall to Gelman.

*--Judy Solberg*

Please welcome Rosalyn Metz as the new Library Manager I - Reference and Electronic Resources Specialist. She has been acting in this position since July and her first "official" day was Tuesday, September, 3rd. Many of you already know Rosalyn. She began working for Reference her freshman year at GW in 1998 and has stayed with us all four years. Rosalyn started as a troubleshooter and has also worked on reference collection maintenance. She has an excellent working knowledge of the department and of Gelman.

Rosalyn will be supervising the Reference student troubleshooting staff and coordinating with Electronic Resources and IT staff to keep the public computers up and running. She has already done a lot of work to prepare reference staff and the public for GWPrints.

Rosalyn graduated from GW in May 2002 with a BA in political science and a minor in philosophy. She interned for Senator Dodd during the fall of 2001 and managed to get one Gelman book incinerated due to Anthrax contamination. Luckily Rosalyn escaped with no injuries.

The Reference and Instruction Department staff are pleased to have Rosalyn join us as a professional colleague and invite the Gelman staff to join us in welcoming her.

*--Judy Solberg*

## **Gardening in the Stacks?**

*by Jean A. Pec, Collection Management*

Those of us with green thumbs know that weeding is an unpleasant garden chore. The more often you weed, the more weeds you seem to find.

Libraries weed, too, but while the process is just as labor intensive, we don't find nasty weeds. Instead we find crowded shelves filled with both new books and older books that haven't been read in years. The big difference between your garden and Gelman is that while you discard the weeds, we do not discard the books. We send them to storage in the WRLC facility. And, if a student or faculty member wants that book, it is returned for that patron and then kept in Gelman.

We haven't weeded Gelman's stacks since the summer of 1996, and we've been acquiring many new titles so that our stacks are very crowded and difficult to keep in order. To alleviate this crowding and to make room for all the newer titles, a Weeding Project began Tuesday, September, 3. A TeleSec crew of four will take the next three weeks to weed selected areas of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors. Collection Development and Collections Management Services designed the guidelines so that only monographs published in 1990 or before and that have not circulated since 1991 may be selected for storage. We expect to weed and send some 40,000 books to storage at WRLC.

We ask for your patience during some potential confusion on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors for the next few weeks. The outcome will be a well-tended "garden."

## Gelman Bookplates for Faculty Emeriti

by **Liz Harter**, *Collection Development Group Leader*

Every summer the University announces the names of faculty who have been awarded Emeritus status. Gelman Library honors these new Emeritus faculty with a special bookplate in their honor. Caroline Long sends a letter to the faculty members and invites them to contact their Collection Development librarians to select a book. If the faculty member identifies a title that Gelman Library does not yet own, we will purchase it. If the faculty member does not have a title in mind, the librarian will identify potential books in the faculty member's subject area of interest and select a book with the faculty member's approval. If Gelman Library owns a requested book already, we will plate it. The special bookplate provides the faculty member's name, retirement date, and newly conferred Emeritus status.

Caroline Long has sent letters to seven professors who were approved for Emeritus status during the 2001-2002 academic year. We look forward to their selections and enhancing the Gelman collection in their honor.

## GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCE UPDATE

### Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment B** for The Gelman Library System's Vacancy Listing.

## Human Resources Advisory Committee News

by **Emma Mosby**, *Administration*

For an update on news from the Human Resource Advisory Committee, please see **Attachment C**.

## OTHER NEWS

### Grant Information for Librarians

by **Emma Mosby**, *Administration*

Please see **Attachment D** for an article from the *Grants for Libraries Hotline Newsletter* on grants for librarians for professional development. The grant is being offered by the American Library Association and the Women National Book Association. They will award the WNBA-Ann Heibreyer Eastman Grant to provide funds to help a librarian further his or her education, with special emphasis on supporting effective communication between librarians and publishers. Deadline is November 4, 2002.

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