

Bethlehem



University

Library

UPDATE

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## FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

*The night of 9 March 2002 the library received a direct hit by an Israeli anti-tank missile. It penetrated the exterior stone wall and caused extensive damage inside. The explosion shattered many windows and display cases in the new Turathuna Center and damaged artifacts and furnishings. The missile destroyed part of an interior wall partition and traveled through the English language and literature section of the library. A total of 245 books were damaged or destroyed as well as shelving, ceiling, and lights. The attack caused thousands of dollars in damage to the library and library materials. At the same time Millennium Hall was hit by three missiles and caused severe destruction.*

*On four occasions during the academic year the university was closed due to the ongoing conflict. During one of the closures the Israeli army occupied the campus and used the library as a base of operation.*

*This unprovoked aggression by the Israeli army on the Palestinian people, society, and institutions can in no way be justified. Their campaign of terror against innocent victims has as its goal the destruction of recent achievements and dreams for a better future. The funding of Turathuna by Ireland Aid and the support of other agencies in other projects has been accomplished by hard work. The destruction by the Israeli occupation forces gives us determination and energy to continue to work in order to provide quality education to the young people of Palestine.*



*Br. Dominic Smith.*

## TURATHUNA

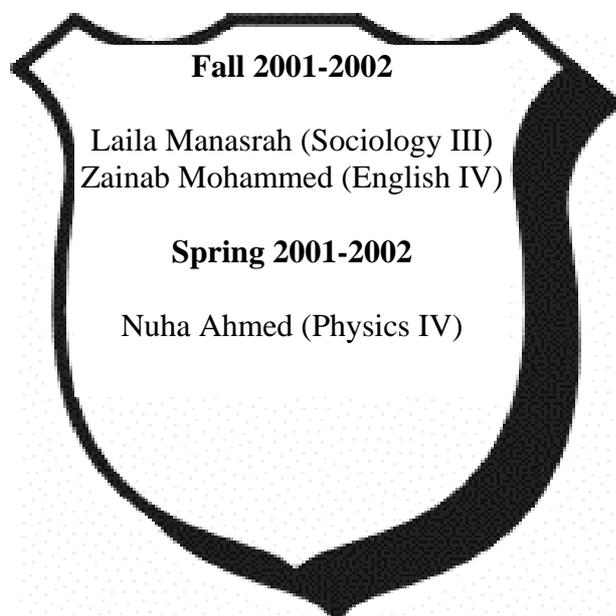
Ms. Elizabeth Moley of Saratoga, California has made another generous contribution of artifacts for Turathuna: Center for Palestinian Heritage. The items include an original handmade brass Bedouin coffee pot from 1920, two original handmade bracelets of high quality silver, an original handmade old Syrian coffee set of pure silver inlaid in brass, and an original headdress from Southern Hebron Hills with numerous coins from the Ottoman period. The items were provided by Mr. Yaser T. Barakat of Old Embroidery of the Holy Land in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Br. Bernard Conroy is coordinating the preparation of the display panels. Using the results of the research by the team of researchers, Ms. Sawzan Shomali, Dr. Walid Mustafa, and Dr. Omar Shakarneh, he prepares the layout, a combination of photos and texts in both English and Arabic. He works with the staff of Good Shepherd Engineering and Computing Co. in preparing the final copy. Six panels that express visually different themes of the heritage and culture are now part of the permanent display.

Br. Donald Johanson conducted a workshop for training in the production of interactive multimedia. One of the outcomes of the workshop was the formation of a multimedia team of Mr. George Maria, Br. Bernard Conroy, Mr. Wassim Zoughbi, and Mr. Ibrahim Nuaimi who are charged with the task of developing multimedia software. Detailed information with expanded text, diagrams and pictures for each display panel will be developed on CD-ROM format.

Mr. Philip Daoud, produced an interactive multimedia software program entitled "The Art of Making Mosaics." The CD includes text in English and Arabic and pictures which explain the production and development of mosaics. Reference is made of specific mosaics in Palestine. Two interactive games are included.

### Best student assistants' awards



### DONORS

**The Loyola Foundation** of Washington, D.C. provided the grant that made possible the installation of the smoke detector system in the library. The system provides us with the security of knowing we are protected from the dangers of smoke and fire.

**Br. Richard Lemberg, FSC** from St. Mary's College of California provided the funds for the purchase of the new computer, an Acer V551, for the Library Director's office. Now for the first time access to the Internet is possible.

**The U.S. Consulate** has provided a grant for the purchase of computer equipment for use by the faculty, staff and students in the library. With the

grant four computers and one laser printer were placed in the AV Center.

**Father Tom Stransky** from the Tantur Ecumenical Institute contributed a large number of books. The collection covers religious topics, such as the Bible, the Orthodox Eastern Church, and relations between the three faiths: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.

The library has received the fifth and final installment of the **Everyman Millennium Library**. This gift is a collection of 250 of the greatest books of the last three millennia. The gift was funded by the Millennium Commission and the Millennium Library Charitable Trust and coordinated by the British Council.

**The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**, through West Bank/Gaza Mission's Accounting and Auditing Sector Program continues to supply books and materials in accounting, auditing, management, finance, and professional ethics.

Other organizations and individuals have contributed books during the year. These donations are deeply appreciated.

The Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights  
Muwatin - The Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy  
Media Institute, Birzeit University

The Democracy and Workers Rights Centre in Palestine

Ms. Hadiya Bitar

Ms. Anisah Darwish

Fr. Peter DuBrul

Mr. Kevin Fischbach

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Ms. Violet Lama

Mr. Iz Aldin Mansarah

Ms. Mary Morcos

Dr. Walid Mustafa

Ms. Maha Shamas

Ms. Nisreen Zabagli



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Applied Research in Education conducted a training seminar in library skills for Palestinian teachers. **Mr. George Awwad** and **Mr. Francis Sleibi** participated in these planning sessions.

The Pontifical Mission Library in Bethlehem offered a training program for Library/Information Services to teachers in schools of the area. **Dr. Mellie Brodeth** and **Ms. Rebecca Calaor** conducted the library training sessions.

**Mr. George Maria** participated in a course entitled "Graphic Design using Corel Draw 9.0." The course was coordinated through the Business Development Center; the instructor was Mr. Nicola G. Khalilieh.

**Ms. Gloria Handal**, **Ms. Valerie Rock**, **Ms. Mary Morcos**, and **Ms. Mary Claire Habash** participated in the workshop training on "Taking Minutes at a Meeting." The workshop was organized by the Office of Personnel Management and presented by Dr. Jeanne Kattan.

**Ms. Gloria Handal** attended the workshop on "How to Prepare a Power Point Presentation" organized by the Office of the Personnel Management and facilitated by Mr. Tarik Daoud.

**Ms. Rebecca Calaor** has recently presented the final revision with recommendations of her thesis for the MSLS from the University of San Carlos in Cebu City, Philippines. The topic of the thesis is "The collection resources of Turathuna-Center for Palestinian Heritage at Bethlehem University: a proposed collection management plan."

## STAFF NEWS

Jamila Khwis, a correspondent of Al-Ribat newspaper, published an interview with **Mr. George Awwad**, "The Reference Librarian in the spot light." Jamila says that there are persons who serve the society without being noticed by others, and reference librarians are among those. The content of the interview consisted of many questions about the nature of reference services in libraries, its role, the required skills and knowledge of reference librarians, the attitude of students in using libraries in general and reference services in particular. The questions also related to the field of library and information science as a field of study. Mr. Awwad pointed out in his responses the vital role of library services to the university community and called on local universities to introduce library science as a field of study.

**Br. Joseph Loewenstein** has gathered information on the Al-Aqsa Intifada, 2000- for a file to be placed in the University Archives. The articles, reports and photos emphasize how the Intifada, the invasions, and the long closures affect the university. Statements by the university's administration and photos of the destruction to the university buildings are included. The file is being prepared as hard copy and electronically. In addition, Br. Joe continues to offer his services by sorting and filing cards for the card catalog.

**Br. Dominic Smith** is a member of the Academic Council. In addition, he serves on two committees: The Committee on Smoking Policy and the Committee for Students with Special Needs. **Ms. Hala Marzouka** serves on the Committee that plans the program for the annual career day.

**Ms. Manal Musleh** has resigned after six years as secretary in the library. She plans to marry and travel abroad. **Sister Agatha Diaz** has also departed from the circulation desk and archives. She returned to the Philippines for a new assignment. We express our appreciation to Manal and Sister Agatha for their years of service at Bethlehem University and wish them the best in the future. Congratulations to **Ms. Mary Morcos** on the birth of her newborn baby Tamer and to **Mr. Francis Sleibi** on the occasion of his wedding.

New Books Arrivals (Last 6 Months)		
June 2002	<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Arabic</a>
April 2002	<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Arabic</a>
March 2002	<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Arabic</a>
February 2002	<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Arabic</a>
January 2002	<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Arabic</a>
December 2001	<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Arabic</a>

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