



BEST WISHES TO OUR NEW VICE CHANCELLOR,
BROTHER PETER BRAY !

On 01 February of the Spring term, Brother Peter Bray, FSC, a native of New Zealand, officially assumed his post as Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University. Brother Robert Smith, FSC, Vice President for Academic Affairs and former Interim Vice Chancellor, in his announcement during the Fall term 2008 said:

I have let Brother Peter know that he is coming to a dynamic, rich, creative, and professional university community composed of many members whose participation in our educational mission reaches back decades! He is genuinely excited to begin his work here and I know we will welcome him and support him as he makes his transition from "down under" to the Holy Land.

By now, we're sure Brother Peter has seen the dynamism, the rich multicultural and inter-religious milieu, the dedication, and the commitment of the members of the academic community.

WELCOME ABOARD BROTHER PETER !

Bethlehem University "Participates" in Huether Conference



At a most unpredictable "holy hour", a dozen students and staff of the University "braved the night" and participated in the Huether Conference last November 2008. The local scene was the video-conferencing room in the lower level of the Library, at 3:00 A.M.!

St. Louis, Missouri was the overseas host gathering over 300 participants from all Lasallian institutions in the U.S.A. The theme was globalization and to highlight this theme, the opening prayer service connected also with other Lasallian institutions in Kenya, Mexico, the Philippines and Bethlehem. After Brother Peter Iorlano read the gospel from Luke announcing the birth of Our Lord, the student University choir led by Sister Patricia Crockford sang "Layla tal Milad" (The Christmas Eve).

Working "behind the scenes" were Brother Neil Kieffe, Francis Sleibi, Mike Hazboun, and Waseem Zoughbi.



Br. Peter (right) thanks Br. Robert, AVP, for his generous service as Interim Vice Chancellor from January 2008-January 2009.

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Opening Hours

The Library is open on class days from:

- * 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM as well as on official make-up days announced by the Administration.
- * It is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and University holidays.



Professional Development Activities at the Library - *in Photos* 2008 – 2009



Archives

Pictured on the left is the new display board in the Archives section of the Library featuring a selection of Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, and other members of administration, important publications, and events all through the University's 35 years of existence.

On the right, Sr. Rose, University archivist, works on her computer; in the photo above, she gives an orientation to the library staff on the organization of archival materials.



Orientation

Francis (left) gives the orientation to the new faculty members at the video conferencing room of the lower level of the Library.

George Maria illustrates to staff how to prepare power-point slides.



Valerie (above, left) and Mary (above, right) give an orientation to BU staff on the use of the online acquisition form found on the Library homepage.. **continued on page 4**

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We thank the **BOOK AID INTERNATIONAL for their gener-
 ous donation of academic books in English for our
 faculty and students. This is the third year in a row
 that we are receiving their gift, a valuable addition to
 our Library collection.**

We do not only receive, we also give away and are happy to share...

***Under the supervision of Mr. Ramzi Odetallah (BU part-time Instructor in the Social Sciences Depart-
 ment), the Student Forum received some 50 used books in Arabic and English from the Library to
 enhance its own collection.





LIBRARY EVENTS IN PHOTOS: SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON LIBRARY-INFORMATION SCIENCE, 15-17 JAN.2009

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Seminar-workshop participants and their directors come together for the awarding of certificates by Bro. Robert Smith, FSC, PhD.



Francis gives his closing remarks as Bro. Robert, Vera, and others look on...



Bro. Robert asks the participants who among them is working in a library.



Seminar-workshop participants from different schools and institutions pose for a group picture.

LIBRARY LIAISON TEAM MEETING, FALL 2008

The Library Administrative Team (LAT) - Rebecca Calaor, Vera Kousa, and Francis Sleibi (center, l - r), listen attentively to one of the representatives of the Library Liaison Team. The Library Staff met with the faculty representatives in September 2008.



STUDENTS' CORNER

Hana Ali, IV yr. Arabic

I am majoring in Arabic, now a senior. During my work at Bethlehem University Library I have gained lots of knowledge and skills. I learned how to help the students find a book in the right, easy way.

I also became more responsible as a student knowing the rules of the library. Sometimes it was not easy to deal with my fellow students' misbehaviour but it was a good way of learning respect and courtesy for others.

Working at the B.U Library has empowered me as a person. Being a student- assistant I also learned how to balance my studies and library work trying to follow a more disciplined life. I'm thankful to all the Library staff for their kindness and patience in giving us their time during orientation and considering us as one of them in the workforce.



Hana, above, serves a student at the Circulation desk.

Claudine Taweel, II yr. Business Administration

Working in the library was one of the most joyful experiences in my life, not only joyful but educational as well. When I started my community service course I faced a lot of problems in terms of choosing the place I was going to volunteer in. I was seriously thinking of dropping the course and taking it in the spring of 2009.

I was at my teacher's office (Mr. Elias Al-Hazin) and I was about to tell him to drop my course but just before doing that he told me that one of the students dropped the course and he's not going to volunteer in the library. Mr. Elias asked me if I want to fill in his place, I immediately said yes without even thinking. I was happy to work with Juana who stood by me whenever I faced difficulties.

By working in the Library I've learned to be responsible like coming on time and working efficiently and not to underestimate anything. I really appreciate the opportunity I was given to volunteer in the library, because I don't feel like I'm another student working there but I feel like I'm part of the library family.



Claudine, above, helps in organizing library files.

Screen, a Budding Author...

Friday, the 19th of December 2008 was a special day as the University Library welcomed a young author in the making.

Sereen Muhammad, a senior CAIS student, confidently steps into my office and with a smile, presents a book, her newly-published social novel written in Arabic entitled "When the Heart Cries..." (عندما يدمع القلب...).

In this book she raises awareness of certain social issues in

society, with courage and with audacity. The hero of her story is a child with special needs..... "victim turned victor" as love and acceptance spur him on.

"Mabrouk" Sereen!



Orientation for Student-Assistants and Community Service Students



Student-Assistants and Community Service Students meet for an Orientation as Mary Claire Sahhar-Habbash, Library Staff, welcomes and orients them.



Circulation Statistics, 2008 – 2009

L.C. Class	Summer (June–July 2008)			Fall (August-December 2008)			Spring (January-May 2009)		
	Arabic	English	Total	Arabic	English	Total	Arabic	English	Total
A	0	0	0	4	8	12	8	0	8
B	331	7	338	1348	111	1459	1186	77	1263
C	1	0	1	8	8	16	4	2	6
D	660	19	679	1203	66	1269	1127	93	1220
E-F	9	0	9	14	1	15	10	2	12
G	2	1	3	9	0	9	4	0	4
H	36	2	38	1361	198	1559	1436	193	1629
J	155	28	183	73	15	88	186	41	227
K	97	4	101	274	25	299	176	40	216
L	218	14	232	1285	151	1436	1212	172	1384
M	1	0	1	15	1	16	12	8	20
N	1	0	1	24	3	27	221	17	238
P	389	109	498	2453	280	2733	3564	860	4424
Q	78	21	99	166	786	952	147	403	550
R	93	55	148	165	400	565	314	464	778
S	50	19	69	244	615	859	45	8	53
T	14	0	14	65	94	159	89	120	209
U	0	0	0	6	3	9	5	0	5
V	0	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	0
Z	0	0	0	11	1	12	3	0	3
Total	2135	279	2414	8734	2767	11,501	9749	2500	12249
Daily Average	71	9	80	118	37	155	141	36	177

NOTE:

The chart above shows the trend of usage and the subject fields most utilized by students and teaching staff. Highlighted in blue are books/journals/other resources on Psychology, Philosophy and Religion (B=3,060), History (D=3,168), Social Science (H=3,226), Education (L=3,052), Language and Literature (P=7,655), Science (Q=1,601) and Nursing (R=1,491) which have been loaned most frequently, and mostly in the Arabic language.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

This is what we are about: we plant the seeds that some day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but

that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future that is not our own. Amen.

Prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero *

(from www.goodgroundpress.com)

* Archbishop Romero was killed in El Salvador, on March 24, 1980, for standing with the poor and the oppressed.

Days before his murder Archbishop Romero told a reporter, "You can tell the people that if they succeed in killing me, that I forgive and bless those who do it. Hopefully, they will realize they are wasting their time. A bishop will die, but the church of God, which is the people, will never perish."

FEEDBACK FOR E-TURATHUNA

Thanks for the nice tidbit of information on embroidery that I found on the Turathuna website.

Brother Peter Iorlano, FSC

Dear Mary,
I appreciate the information of the embroidery, very nice and informative! Thanks.
Best regards,
Inge

شكرا جزيلاً جميل جداً ان نعرف ولا ننسى
"Doha Adel Younes Zaghab"

Dear Mary,
Congratulations I enjoyed what I had seen...
Walid Mustafa



SOME GOOD NEWS TO SHARE.....

CONGRATS to Francis Sleibi, for being chosen as "eIFL" (Electronic Information for Libraries) Open Access Coordinator for Palestine.

WELCOME to Mirna Zoughbi (BU'00) who joined the Library Staff for the Spring Term 2009, assisting Vera Koussa in the English Technical Services.

MANY THANKS to Juana Juha (BU'06) for her organizational skills and efficiency at overseeing details during the seminar-workshop on Library-Information Science.

CONGRATS to the Library Professional Team for the successful Library-Information Science activity.

MABROUK to Kifah Ali, 3rd yr, English SAT major, for being Best Student Assistant for Spring 2009.

THANK YOU to all pilgrims and guests who visited BU and Turathuna, especially the groups from the US and Canada who came in October 2008, and left a generous gift to support the work-study program of our student assistants.

SHUKRAN to Amany Rishmawi, BU'08 scholar to Georgetown University, for her volunteer work in the B.U. Library.

MABROUK to Brother Joe on your 65th anniversary as De La Salle Christian Brother!

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JSTOR SUMMARY REPORT ON USAGE – SPRING 2009

Month	Searches	Articles Viewed
Jan. '09	327	258
Feb. '09	534	357
Mar. '09	2,824	2,124
Apr. '09	1,519	1,394
May '09	1,288	1,087
Total	6,492	5,220



Library Director's Message: The University is 35 Years Young!

The University Library, although very different now than at its beginnings, is also 35 years (and eight months!) old. Its history dates back to the early conceptions of the University because **the pioneering De La Salle Christian Brothers upheld the belief that indeed, "the heart of the university is the library."**

From a classroom size facility with perhaps not more than a thousand books in 1973, today, the book collection is more than 80,000. The new Library building proudly stands at the entrance to the campus of Bethlehem University ushering in students and teachers to the **"threshold of knowledge."** Thanks to all of our very generous donors who have seen to it that this depository of knowledge – a handsome building of five floors! - can be preserved through the years with a stack capacity of more than 100,000 volumes!

Very much unlike those pioneering years, today this "threshold of knowledge" is not only found in books and printed matter but also, and much more so, in the virtual world of cyberspace, the internet, online blogs, and other electronic media. An efficient lexicographer would be pressured to revise regularly his/her compilation of new vocabulary to keep up with the modern trends in computer literacy.

That's partly what it means to be thirty five years old in this twenty first century: schools, parents, educators, administrators, politicians, government leaders, young and old – in effect, everyone in this whole wide world, made one by globalization – must keep up, must always be on the go, to know, learn, and realize that education has "shifted its paradigm" as we entered the "new millennium". As authors Ted McCain and Ian Jukes (2000) wrote in their book *Windows on the Future: Education in the Age of Technology*, **"real power" formerly in the hands of the "literati" (the intellectual elite, the people of paper) has now been transferred to the "clickerati, mouserati, and digerati"...** this group of people who **"have developed smart devices that bridge the gap between humans and technology"...** making technology the **"great equalizer, allowing ordinary people to do extraordinary things"** (some quotes taken from **"Technology of Learning", December 1999, p. 73).**

In Spring 2008 (on the way to being 35!), attuned to the reality that "learning is a lifelong process", the Library team and I organized a successful three-day event with the theme "Reading and Technology at the Service of Everyone." Its success can be attributed not only to the support of our Administrators, particularly Brother Robert Smith, FSC, PhD, and the library team spirit but also to the fact that the dynamic search for knowledge and the multi-faceted learning that takes place on campus is a universal phenomenon that we echoed during those days. Education in this era of advanced use of technology can take many forms. Thanks to our donors, in particular the government and people of Finland and the Diaconia University - School of Applied Sciences, we have a highly equipped Media Services Center. This Center boasts of a video-conferencing room, a studio room, an audio-visual section, and the media digital center. Each of these rooms and offices also has equipment and modern devices where technology and human resources combine to help enhance classroom teaching and learning processes. The staff working in this area are skilled and specialized and share their talents and time **with the University's students and teachers. With and through the Institute of Community Partnership, special courses are organized and offered to the off-campus community.**

At 35 years, Bethlehem University is not that young anymore and neither is it too old. But we are sure of one thing. Through the pioneering years of love and sacrifice and the lives of those who served with dedication and commitment, the University stands proud and we are grateful. Grateful for the commitment to excellence in the education of young Palestinians.



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