Ten years old and going strong

By Christine Abel

"It was the most interesting and challenging job I have had in the Bank," says Madeleine Wyss, who, 10 years ago, became the first secretary to work for the SA's current staff assistant, and Sharon de Jesus, who is the secretary of the SA, add that the job is also "very rewarding." If perceptions haven't changed over the last 10 years, the office environment certainly has. The SA has moved four times since its inception, and it has come a long way from the crowded room where Madeleine sat nearly 10 years ago, on the fourth floor of the "C" building, to the ground floor of the "N" building where SA members have been working since last January.

Of course, the working environment is only one of many, many changes that the SA has undergone over the past 10 years. Remember the financial statement in the early years—zero assets; zero liabilities? The financial statement for the period July through December 1980 reads: "Total Estimated Resources $105,862.75; Total Allocations $105,862.75." And all Executive Committee members remember the long hours of evening and weekend work they

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End of an Era

George out; Marriott Corp. in

For almost 25 years, George Michael dished out a variety of fast food specialties in the first floor Snack Shoppe at 801 19th Street ("N" building). Bank staffers who were accused of patronizing Mr. Michael's establishment, however, must now look somewhere else to eat. The Snack Shoppe closed earlier this month.

Since the Bank took over the lease for the entire building (except the basement) last year, Mr. Michael has been looking for another location for his carry-out. He says that he is "getting close to retirement" but that he would still like to work for another year or two.

Mr. Michael says that a lot of interesting people came into his shop over the years, including several US Senators and State Department staff. A number of US Government agencies leased office space in the building prior to the Bank's move there. "Bank people were nicer than anyone else," the former Snack Shoppe owner says. He adds that he enjoyed meeting people from different cultural backgrounds and that he always tried to be "diplomatic and understanding" when it came to preparing food the way someone wanted it. The most difficult customer he remembers having to deal with was a woman from one of the government agencies who never approved of the way he buttered her toast. He finally suggested that she eat breakfast at People's Drug Store across the street, but she continued to come by the Snack Shoppe everyday for toast. "And she continued to complain, as well," he adds.

Mr. Michael says that the business has been good to him. He admits that, although he is not a wealthy man, he has been able to raise a family, buy a comfortable home, and pay his three children's expenses for college. And he even took a trip to Greece last summer. So business wasn't too bad during most of the last 25 years. But he says that the trip to Greece was his first vacation in five years and that he otherwise worked everyday from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Some staff members depended on his coffee every morning to get them going; others used his refrigerator to store bag lunches and party foods; and a few stopped by now and then—when something exciting was going on somewhere in the world—to catch the latest news on his 24-year-old TV set. "I'm going to miss the Snack Shoppe," an "N" building staff member said recently, adding, "I sure hope George finds a new place to set up shop until he is ready to retire."

Even Winston Would Have Been Envious

Churchill message seen by 6 million

By Katie Fawcett

On March 12, Anthony Churchill probably surprised more than a few of the 6 million people in his audience when he stated that they spend almost twice as much money every year for chewing gum as they do to help the world's poor.

Mr. Churchill, Director of the Bank's Urban Projects Department (URB), was interviewed by the Christian Broadcasting Network's (CBN) President, Patrick Robertson, in a 15-minute segment of a program called the "700 Club." The URB and the Audio-Visual Division of Information and Public Affairs have been working together for almost a year to produce background material and footage for interviews and documentary films about the Bank's role in assisting the urban poor.

Mr. Churchill said later that he picked up the "chewing gum" statement from the late US Senator, Hubert H. Humphrey, who used to remind Congress of this particular statistic every time it came around to deciding on how much money would be allocated for foreign aid. Mr. Churchill was surprised that Mr. Robertson, in a 15-minute segment of a program called the "700 Club." The URB and the Audio-Visual Division of Information and Public Affairs have been working together for almost a year to produce background material and footage for interviews and documentary films about the Bank's role in assisting the urban poor.

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Martial arts club is recognized

By Thierry Sagnier

The World Bank Shorinji Kempo Club, founded in May of last year, has been officially recognized by the World Shorinji Kempo Organization based in Totoita, Japan. The Club is the only one of its type in the Washington area.

Shorinji Kempo, a form of martial art stressing technique and non-violence, as well as meditation, has over 1 million practitioners worldwide but is not well known in the United States.

Kenichi Ohashi, who is a staff member in the Treasurer's Department and who formed the Club and holds a fifth degree black belt, ascribes this to the fact that Shorinji Kempo has not been commercially developed and does not contest competition, as do other disciplines such as karate or judo. "Also," says Mr. Ohashi, "there is no great emphasis placed upon the color of the belt. Shorinji Kempo has three levels of brown belt, and nine levels of black."

"Shorinji Kempo is not strictly an art of self-defense," he adds. "One can learn a lot about self-control and develop skills in relieving pain and tension by applying acupressure to certain parts of the body. It's an excellent way of getting exercise at staying in shape."

The Club recently awarded 'san kyu' belts (first-level brown) to five members who have practiced more than 150 hours. The awards came after a test emphasizing basic escape and striking techniques. The recipients are Bernard Dussert (World Bank Africa Projects Department), Erko Ishikawa (Treasurer's Department), Taji Kronfli (American Express), and Anh Tran (Administrative Services Department).

The Club presently has 30 members, with 15 new participants joining the spring term, and it is taught by Mr. Ohashi and William Hwang, who also holds a black belt and is one of Mr. Ohashi's former students. Mr. Ohashi says, "Unfortunately, we cannot take new applicants at the moment, but I do keep a waiting list and we will probably start a new class toward the end of the summer." Please call him at extension 76302 for further information.

"Mr. Sagnier works in the Administrative Services Department. He is also a recent recipient of the 'san kyu' belt."

Bank "BPs" hit by Aspen bug

By Jeanette Nase-Ports

On St. Valentine's Day, 32 skiers from the Bank and Fund left Washington National Airport early in the morning for a week of glorious skiing in Aspen, Colorado. Although Aspen lacked the usual carrier & Ives winter snow scenes, the 11,000-foot elevation allowed for plenty of snow and good skiing on top of the four mountains. Coming down at the end of the day was the real test of acuity, as each of us dodged the stones and boulders that littered the bottom of the ski run.

To unwind and get out the aches and pains that had accumulated during the day, we washed away the tension in the 120-degree outdoor jacuzzi and in the outdoor pool, which was also very warm at 90 degrees.

The youngsters who came on the trip kept us all racing to keep up, particularly those of us who had been out until 2 A.M. in the "cowboy" saloons. It was quite a sight to see our distinguished dignitaries donning feathered cowboy hats at the Monday night chili party and at the farewell luau on Thursday.

On our last evening in Aspen, we celebrated with snowball fights in the hot pool and we relaxed later over drinks at the Hotel Jerome. The hotel was built in the 1860s for miners who came to Aspen looking for treasures. On Valentine's weekend, however, it was filled with what we called "beautiful ski people." But, of course, we think that all ski people are beautiful. Interested in joining the club? We will be organizing our next fall, so anyone who is interested in being one of the "beautiful people" should keep us in mind.

On the road to Agra, a useful lesson.

King ... Cont'd

tempting for EDs to reflect merely the views of their authorities; to take positions which only serve to advance or defend the interests of the governments represented around this table. But that is only part of the responsibility of Executive Directors. This body is probably the most exclusive Board of Executive Directors in the world, and along with that honor comes a not-too-well-understood responsibility. Clearly I did not fully appreciate this aspect of my position when I arrived, and I just began to fathom it after Mr. Loojien and Mr. Sola spent several hours trying to convince me of this feature during the long automobile drive from Agra to New Delhi over a year ago.

Their point was simple: we are officers of the Bank. Apart from our representation role, we also have a duty to preserve, promote, and protect the interests of the Bank. I think in the long run, this is the most sober responsibility. The Bank's 35-year history has proven its durability; at the same time, because the Bank functions by the consent of governments, it is a fragile creature. Only those around this table, and our predecessors, can fully understand the peculiar nature of this institution and it is up to us, especially during the upcoming months, to recognize and detect stresses which can threaten the Bank, whether these stresses are caused by our own governments or by the manner in which we conduct our business here. It is in those moments of great stress when we must place the interests of the Bank first and say to each other that we must, and even to our governments, if necessary, "Enough. There are certain limits." Such sensitiveness to the limitations of the Bank to sustain stress must repose in this Board if the Bank is to survive the period which lies ahead. I am confident that the will and ability to preserve the Bank can be found in this Board.

While the scope of problems ahead is imposing, I hope my government will continue to pursue its historic role in the Bank. While it is accurate to say that this Chair reflects the views of the particular Administration in power, this Chair also...
Bank Calendar

The World Bank Soccer Team has just completed the best season it has ever had in the Northern Virginia Soccer League. We finished in the top half of the First Division, which consists of 10 good-quality amateur teams. In addition, we reached the semifinals of the League Cup and only missed going to the finals (where we would have played a team we had beaten soundly in the League) by the difference of one penalty kick in a sudden death penalty shootout.

The principal goal scorers in the Bank’s success were Eddie Crossan and Angel Arrivasplata. In addition, the remainder of what is now a very experienced team provided a sound defense which thwarted the attacks of almost all First Division teams.

Much uncertainty remains, however, in regard to the new season. The chief goal scorer, Eddie Crossan, has been transferred to the First Division Champion team, the British Lions, leaving a dearth of goal scoring talent. And the remainder of the team has grown one year older. The management of the team will be passing into the hands of Diego Hernandez, Kwei Armarr, and Irajen Appasamy, and the success of their recruitment efforts will determine the fortunes of the team in this upcoming season.

Alex Green (extension 60271) is giving serious consideration to forming a second team to be called the World Bank Casuals. He would like to hear from interested players. It is probable that this team will start playing a few friendly games and that it will then formally become part of the Fourth Division this September. Anyone interested in playing should contact Mr. Green.

Eugene McCarthy

Stamp Club—For information about the Group’s activities, please contact Karl Jahr, extension 61735.

Table Tennis—Anyone interested in joining the Club should call Peter Ludwig, extension 72536.

Transcendental Meditation—The TM Group holds regular meetings every Thursday at Noon for those already practicing TM. For further information about the Group, please call Martin Hartigan, extension 60413.

1818 Society—Retired Bank staff members who are interested in joining the 1818 Society should contact Garry Lightowler, 525-8814.

WIVES—We would like to remind new staff members and those returning from permanent missions that our volunteers, who would like to make the first weeks in Washington easier for your wife, cannot do so unless we know where she is. Please call the WIVES office at 61247 and give us your address so we can welcome her and send her a copy of our newsletter.

The WIVES Newsletter is published monthly and gives detailed information about upcoming events organized by the Group. For further information, please call 61247 or drop by room 11-172.

Conversation Groups—Weekly meetings are held in several languages. Please call Caroline Berney, 229-5706, for information.

Natalie Whitney

Acchiardi Wins Manager Award

Last month, at a conference in Ocean City, Maryland, Joseph Acchiardi, General Manager of Marriott’s dining services at the Bank, was named Manager of the Year for the Business Food Service Division of the Marriott Corporation.

Mr. Acchiardi competed with Marriott managers in business establishments nationwide. (Marriott also has a division that handles dining services in hospitals and another that is responsible for the same at a number of colleges.) The Business Division includes managers from such organizations as Exxon Corporation in New York, the IBM Corporation, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Aerox Corporation, and the American Express headquarters in New York, as well as several others.

Mr. Acchiardi says that he feels that he received this special honor because he has helped train many successful managers around the country. Marriott sends employees here to be trained as managers and then they are sent to other places to work. “Sometimes I try to keep the really good ones here,” he says.

As General Manager, Mr. Acchiardi is responsible for the supervision of 60 employees at the Bank, including 14 managers at the various food service locations, who regularly serve more than 4,500 lunches every day.
S-ID to celebrate 25 years
By J. Burke Knapp

The Society for International Development—S-ID, as most people know it— is a unique association of individuals who are bound together by their interest and work in development and developing societies.

S-ID was founded in Washington, DC in 1957 by a small and cohesive group of dedicated people. It has grown steadily to become a worldwide association of practitioners and thinkers in development.

Today, S-ID has chapters in 55 countries and on every continent; it has a total membership of 8,000 men and women living in 120 countries; and it has an impressive list of institutional and sponsoring organizational members. Some of S-ID’s newer members live in the Eastern bloc countries. Its international headquarters is in Rome, Italy.

S-ID has about 60 World Bank staff among its members, although I have always been surprised that there are not more. Every year, several of them devote time to the organization and serve at the international level as its principal officers or on its committees; they have also served as presidents, program vice-presidents, treasurer, council members, and secretaries of the Washington chapter. Bank staff are regularly invited as speakers and discussants in S-ID programs, both local and international, and the Bank has long been an institutional sponsor of the organization.

What does S-ID offer? Why do Bank staff belong to it? How do they benefit from it? I have been a member for more than two decades and I can think of several reasons why people who work here might be motivated to associate themselves with S-ID.

Exchanging Ideas

First, S-ID provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences related to development. It is multidisciplinary and multinational. Second, it offers members an opportunity to meet each other at regular meetings, gatherings, seminars, and conferences to develop professional links, as well as personal friendships. Third, through its publications, the International Development Review, newsletters, and special international conference volumes, S-ID provides new ideas and experiences at a global level to people concerned with promoting development. Fourth, for those in the Bank, it provides a forum to meet with people working in other institutions, government, business, international, and academic—to learn how they are dealing with specific development problems and with new challenges and new dimensions in economic and social change.

The Washington chapter, to which most Bank S-ID members belong, is a particularly active one. It is also S-ID’s largest chapter, with a membership of about 750 people from all of Washington’s major multilateral, bilateral, private, and academic development institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, the Inter-American Development Bank, the US Agency for International Development, the US Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Development Council, the National Academy of Sciences, the Overseas Education Fund of the League of Women Voters (as well as the League itself), and a considerable number of well-known development consulting firms and area universities. There are lawyers, journalists, professors, health personnel, and civic-minded citizens among its members, though the largest category is probably economists.

A Dynamic Leadership

The Washington chapter has been fortunate in having had a dynamic leadership for many years. Its members are hardworking, imaginative, and innovative individuals. Monthly lunch hour meetings are conducted by the chapter at a convenient downtown location. The following programs were held during the past year:

- Hollis Chenery, Vice President for Development Policy at the Bank, discussed World Development Report, 1979: Peter Peterson, a member of the Brandt Commission, talked about the Brandt Commission’s Report; Gerald Barney, coordinating author of the US Global 2000 study, discussed the study; Douglas Benet, formerly of USAID (United States Agency for International Development), reported on “Reflections on US Development Policy and Personal Views for the Future.”
- Mahbub ul Haq of the Bank’s Policy Planning and Program Review Department, and John Sewell of the Overseas Development Administration presented a sequel to the Brandt Commission Report.

The chapter offers special interest programs presented by each of its seven committees, interest groups, and membership.

A substantial majority of staff has agreed to contribute a small fraction of their salaries, in the form of fees, to help the SA carry out its mandate. On this, the occasion of its 10th anniversary, the SA is asking for a greater contribution, not only of membership fees, but also of your personal efforts towards meeting the Bank staff to join the organization and contribute to programs and ideas and help develop and maintain a vigorous, voluntary professional society. (Membership dues are modest, and they are tax-deductible for US citizens.) Information on membership in S-ID’s Washington chapter can be obtained from the chapter office (293-2903).

Thursday, April 9
WASHINGTON BAROQUE & SWING ENSEMBLE
Prudence Fitch, Bruce DeLira
Beth Ann McDowell, Douglas Day, John Hadl
Welles by Hendel, Pauline, Bach, Beethoven & Gershwin
Thursday, April 16
KAPITTEL RAMMER KAPEL (Vocal Quartet)
Thursday, April 23
DAVID BASCH & FRIENDS
David Basch, Prudence Fitch, Phil Jaffe, Nell Shibley, David Fickes
Mozart: Quartet for Bass, violin, viola & cello in C Major, K. 465
Bartok: Four Vocal Duets (arranged by William Prachley
Thursday, May 7
NATIONAL SYMPHONY BRASS QUINTET
Dianne, John Collins, David Greenberg
Work for 1.horn, Bar. & Tbn.
Thursday, May 14
LEARN BARRIES & ALLISON HAMPTON
Light for Two Lutes
Works of Bruckner, Schubert, Franck & Byrd
Thursday, May 21
ORGAN & TRUMBOONE DUO
Dominick Morano, Quartet in B, Quartet
Keittler: Parts on Marches and
Southwell: Suite for Guitar
Fugue: Amazing Grace
Gallwey: Miserere Symphony, Op. 88
Thursday, May 28
DOROTHY KENTON & DAVID TROUP
Dorothy Kenton, soprano; David Troup, harp; Michael Patterson, piano
Breves: Selections from "Jenufa"
Gershwin: Selections from "Porgy and Bess"
Grieg: String of Nothings
Lone: Pizzicato Divertimento
And works by, Brahms and Herbert

Staff Association... Cont’d
The SA has continued to maintain a working relationship with management. There is a lot of work remaining, particularly the analysis and application of the Hay Compensation Survey, a task as complex as it is important. And, in coming months, the SA will continue its discus- sions with management on the array of other issues mentioned in our Mid-term Report, which was distributed to all staff at the end of January. The improvements that the SA has brought about in our working environment could not have been achieved, and cannot continue to be achieved, without significant contributions from every staff member. At the very least, staff should be aware of the issues the SA is pursuing. The Chairman urges all staff to “Contact your Delegate and make your own opinions known. He/she is there to represent your views each month in the Delegate Assembly. If you can, run for office yourself, or give your time and skills to one of the working groups devoted to a specific issue in which you have an interest.”

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